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Mr. Clarence E. Gauss

New Job For Mr Johnson

Clarence Gauss As The New Ambassador

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, to-day confirmed reports that the U.S. Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson Johnson, will soon leave Chungking for a new assignment but he did not reveal the exact nature of the change.

He said that he did not know whether or not Mr Johnson would come to Washington prior to his new assignment.

The White House declared that there would probably be no news regarding Mr Johnson until a nomination was sent to the Senate, which would be on Thursday at the earliest.

Australia Approves
CANBERRA, Feb. 4 (UP).—The acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, announced to-day that Australia had approved the exchange between Mr. Clarence Gauss and Mr. Nelson Johnson.

Willkie Sees De Valera

Tea With Royalty

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Immediately after returning from his lightning trip to Ireland, Mr. Wendell Willkie had tea with the King and Queen.

Mr. Willkie told "Reuters" that he had had a three hours conversation with Mr. Eamon de Valera to-day, during one of which he was alone with the Eire Prime Minister. He said that they had a frank and free discussion and he "got the information he wanted."

He also saw several members of the Eire Cabinet.

Great Leadership
Referring to the general conclusions he had reached in travelling about England, Mr. Willkie said: "I think the people of these islands are almost miraculously fortunate in their leadership. Anyone who believes that the people are not united is labouring under a delusion. I doubt whether in history any man has been more ideally suited to his task than Churchill—with qualities of inspirational leadership, great comprehension, dauntless courage and long experience."

"I have talked to every member of a Government comprised of diverse political and economic beliefs, and I have never seen a more co-ordinated or a more cohesive group in the pursuit of a common aim."

Irish Bases
He reiterated his opinion of Britain's miraculous leadership in one of the supreme critical moments of history. Other conclusions, he said, he was keeping for the United States.

He declined to talk about Irish bases and disclosed that he had not been invited to Germany.

Referring to his tour of the industrial area in northwest England, Mr. Willkie said that he had collected a great deal of information about production methods and he described himself as "very fascinated" by the relations between the Government, labour and industry.

ITALIANS FALL BACK ON TWO FRONTS: TEPELINI IN FLAMES

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Big fires in Tepelini indicate that the Italians are preparing to leave and are destroying their stores, states the Athens radio quoting a Greek Press Ministry statement issued this evening.

The radio statement declares that Greek action continues to meet with success on the Albanian front despite very bad weather in the past three days. In the coastal area beyond Chimara, determined attacks ended in the occupation of a high mountain pass which the Italians had transformed into a powerful stronghold.

At another point, a surprise attack launched on Monday morning resulted in the capture of important positions, many prisoners and much booty.

Italian Alpine troops among the prisoners declared that their commanders had ordered all who retreated to be shot immediately.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

Italians Severely Harassed

CAIRO, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—R.A.F. bomber and fighter aircraft continue to attack enemy lines of communication on all fronts, states a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

The communique states that in Libya R.A.F. bombers raided Berka aerodrome at Benghazi last night and dropped bombs on aircraft dispersed on the ground. The bombs started large fires in several buildings.

The railway station at Barce was heavily attacked and motor transport was destroyed on the roads. British fighter aircraft throughout yesterday harassed the enemy by machine-gun attacks. At Sionta and Tunis (ten miles east of Barce), six separate attacks were made on troops withdrawing along the road. There were several casualties and between 20 and 30 vehicles were destroyed.

In Eritrea
In support of the Army's successful advance in Eritrea, R.A.F. aircraft continued to attack the enemy. During the operations, one Caproni 133 was destroyed. The aerodrome at Guza suffered heavily as the result of a raid in which a number of direct hits were registered on buildings and nearby roads.

From all these operations, one British aircraft failed to return.

Grounded Italian Planes
ZAROB, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—The destruction of grounded Italian aircraft by the South African Air Force is described in an official statement here to-day.

On February 2, fighters destroyed a grounded Caproni bomber at Afmadu in Italian Somaliland. On February 3, South African bombers, escorted by fighters, made a low dive-bombing and machine-gunning attack at Gobwen aerodrome in Kenya. The fighters machine-gunned the grounded aircraft while the bombers dropped many heavy bombs and incendiaries.

Three Savoia 79's and one Caproni and one CR 42 were destroyed. All the South African planes returned safely.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Two Italian prisoners on war have escaped from a detention camp at Ramgarh. Both are officers.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY
Support Of China Re-Affirmed
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Geoffrey Le Mander asked if the Government would give an assurance that the Australian Army Minister's broadcast on January 12 at Singapore, stating that Britain had no quarrel with Japan, implied that there was no change in Imperial policy as regards recognition and support for China in her struggle against Japanese imperialism.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Dominions, Mr. G. Shakespeare replied: "Yes, sir."

The Conservative, Mr. Robert Morgan, asked whether H.M. Government in Australia was kept fully informed of the dissatisfaction felt in Britain with Japanese policy in relation to the Axis with the object of avoiding public official statements which may conflict with such a viewpoint.

Mr. Shakespeare replied that it was the practice of His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom to communicate its concern and added that there was no divergence between the two governments as regards this matter.

Advance Into Abyssinia

With Few Casualties

NAIROBI, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—British Imperial troops advancing from Kenya have penetrated 60 miles into Mussolini's East African Empire.

A communique issued to-day states that British advance patrols are making good progress on all sections of the front and that a number of prisoners have been captured, with guns and ammunition.

British casualties were very slight. At some places, advanced patrols are well established 90 miles inside enemy territory. In this patrol activity, African troops are showing themselves more than a match for the enemy. Much of this activity is taking place over trackless country with its inherent climatic and geographical difficulties.

Irregulars Loot
NAIROBI, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—A campaign of terrorism is being conducted in southern Abyssinia, according to Abyssinian patriots who are coming to Kenya in increasing numbers for fresh supplies of rifles and ammunition.

These patriots say that Italian irregular troops, given a free hand by the Italians, have been murdering Italian native levies and stealing the loot. They take the view that as the Italians will probably be defeated, they might as well collect booty while they have the chance.

PASTOR NIEMOELLER Said To Have Become Roman Catholic

BASLE, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Martin Niemöller, the German Protestant pastor who became famous for resisting the Nazi conception of the state in relation to religion and who is now in a concentration camp, has become a Roman Catholic, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The paper adds that Niemöller has been contemplating the step for some time. He was a U-boat commander in the last war. He was arrested by the Nazis in 1937.

Nazi Hit And Run Raids Cost Them Four Planes, Few Results

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Convoys, aerodromes and towns in south-east and east England were the main objectives of the German hit and run raids to-day, during which four enemy planes were destroyed.

A Dornier 17, which bombed an East Anglian town this morning, was chased out to sea and shot down by two Hurricanes of the Burma Squadron. The pilots saw the bomber trying to sneak through the clouds at 3,000 feet and closed in on either side of him.

Both pilots, worrying the Dornier like terriers, registered hits which sent him crashing into the sea after he had jettisoned the rest of his bombs.

In another encounter, two Spitfire pilots were flying off the south-east coast at a height of 2,000 feet this afternoon when two Messerschmitt 109's dived down in front. One of the Spitfires, piloted by a sergeant who was awarded the D.F.M., a

Independent Ethiopia Aim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 4 (UP).—Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Minister, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government would welcome the reappearance of an independent Ethiopia, and would recognize the claim of Haile Selassie to the throne.

Mr. Eden reaffirmed that Britain has no territorial ambitions in Ethiopia, and that the British military operations there would terminate as soon as the situation permits. He said Haile Selassie's assistance and guidance should be subject to international arrangement at the conclusion of peace.

Chungking Has Need Of Much More Aid From United States

(Mr. John R. Morris, Far Eastern Manager of "United Press," who is now in Hongkong after recent visits to Free China, Burma, Thailand, Malaya, the Philippines and Japan, has written the following story exclusively for the "Telegraph.")
Mr. Morris is now en route to his headquarters in Shanghai. He will sail by an American President Line ship to-morrow.
By JOHN R. MORRIS
FAR EASTERN MANAGER,
"UNITED PRESS"

Free China, now in the fourth year of her war of resistance

against Japanese domination, at present is holding her own against the invader but to win decisively and recover her occupied territories will require much greater American aid than she has received thus far.

This observation is the result of a three-month tour of China, Japan and other Far Eastern countries vitally affected by Japan's effort to establish a 'new order' in East Asia.

Chungking, whence I flew to Hongkong this week, is a capital beset by tremendous trials and hardships, which recently have been complicated and intensified by internal difficulties and serious economic problems. When all factors are taken into consideration, however, it appears obvious that China's position and prospects are improving at present, while Japan's problems, responsibilities and her self-imposed task of reorganizing Asia under the Rising Sun are becoming daily more burdensome and dangerous.

Chinese of all classes, greatly encouraged by recent American measures which directly or indirectly benefited the Chinese position, feel that the United States holds the key to the Far Eastern situation and, in co-operation with Great Britain, will restore peace and an equitable, enduring 'new order' in Asia in the course of the next year or two.

Undimmed

The Chinese are by no means dismayed by the military reverses they have suffered, nor the economic difficulties which are causing much hardship among the people, but it is everywhere noticeable that the expectation of further and even more substantial American assistance is the principal ingredient of the confidence with which they face the future.

American observers of long residence in China and intimate acquaintances with conditions and personalities there emphasize the importance of the opportunity opened to the United States by the existing state of affairs. Many with whom

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LATEST

British Troops Take Cirene

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Feb. 4 (UP).—It is announced that British troops have occupied Cirene, 45 miles west of Derna, and have cut off Port Apollonia where the Italians are deprived of many landing fields in the vicinity.

In Abyssinia, it is stated that the Italians are being driven into the heart of Gojjam which is virtually in the hands of insurgents. The British penetrated 30 miles beyond the Gondar River, pursuing the Italians.

In Eritrea, British forces have reached the outskirts of the important station of Keren on the railway running towards Asmara. The British advance is continuing with splendid dash despite the stand of the native Eritreans, who are excellent soldiers.

Official Communique

CAIRO, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—The occupation of Cirene by forward elements of the British forces on Monday is announced in to-night's communique dealing with the Libya front.

Of Eritrean activities, the communique says that the Italian retreat from Agordat continues and that our troops are nearing Keren.

"From Barentu our troops are pursuing the enemy in a southerly direction. An accurate count of the prisoners has not yet been taken but the number is considerable."

Referring to Abyssinia, the communique continues: "East of Gallabat, our advance continues on the Metemma-Gondar road. The capture of two frontier posts on the Dultana front, referred to in yesterday's communique, resulted in the infliction of nearly 100 casualties in killed and captured at slight cost to ourselves."

"One additional post in the neighbourhood has been captured." Extensive patrol activities continue in Italian Somaliland; the communique concludes.

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JAPANESE LAND MORE TROOPS

New Moves In Indo-China

SAIGON, Feb. 4 (UP).—Unimpeachable sources reveal that the Japanese have landed 1,500 soldiers at Haiphong, bringing the total number of Japanese troops in Tonkin to between 10,000 and 11,000. The warships which brought the troops left to-day.

Time Limit For Peace Talks

Thai And Indo-China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SAIGON, Feb. 4 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the time limit which the Armistice Commission set for the Thai-Indo-China peace negotiations at Tokyo is February 15. This limit can be changed if all three parties agree.

Informed circles interpret the time limit as being a Japanese expediency, with the object of making the French agreeable to the mediation of the Japanese.

Sumita To Supervise
It is announced that General Sumita is leaving for Cambodia to-morrow in order to supervise both the Indo-China and Thai border forces in the carrying out of the armistice terms.

Diet Passes Bills

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (Domel).—The first batch of legislative measures to be passed by both Diet Houses during the current session, the Military Service Law amendment bill, the Army police offence regulations amendment bill and the Navy police offence regulations amendment bill, were passed by the House of Representatives following a general meeting this afternoon as referred to it by the House of Peers.

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People's War— People's Army

MUCH is heard just now of the phrase "People's War," and it is no piece of shallow rhetoric to declare that the army that is fighting to save Britain is in every way a People's Army.

When a man receives his calling-up papers he is told that he is about to join the King's Army. Of course, it is the King's Army, in the fine old sense of the phrase. But it is also literally a People's Army—an army in which each man regards himself not as a conscript, but as one who has chosen the Army as a means of protecting himself and his own. There is not a suspicion of press-gang about this new Army. It is not a case of the Army conscripting a people for its own ends; it is more a case of a people investing the Army.

To any man who is going to join the Army I will say this: "You are not going to be caught up in a merciless machine, which will either mould or break you. You will not have the liberty you had in civil life. But you will be treated as if you were a self-respecting British subject. You are not first of all a soldier who has been dragged from his home to serve the Army, but a citizen who is willing to defend his home by means of the Army."

Friendly Atmosphere

The atmosphere of the People's Army is friendly. The recruit finds himself under the charge of N.C.O.s who, not so long ago, wore civilian clothes. For there are chances of promotion for everyone in this new Army. In short, the recruit is trained by men who know what it means to leave home and what the change from civilian to Army life means.

That has been my experience, and this atmosphere of friendliness is general in the Army. When the batch I was with departed at the depot the first

words that greeted us were, "Anybody want to go to the pub?" Not at all what we expected, but our hearts were gladdened.

We were allowed to settle down gradually, and I can truthfully say that, considering the six weeks I have been here we have been almost coaxed into learning the tricky job of soldiering. To bully and blast is not the way of the modern sergeant. It all boils down to the fact that the instructors remember that it is free men they are dealing with.

No War Worry

You who are about to join the People's Army will have some rough passages. I have had mine. I have felt homesick. But in the Army you will find a strange comradeship like nothing to be found in civil life. I venture to assert that this spirit of comradeship has never been stronger than in the Army of the British People. You will feel better than ever before, you will sleep better than you ever did. You will feel awkward at first, but you won't be treated as if you were a brainless automaton.

Most wonderful of all, you'll stop worrying about the war. That I have found, is about the strangest thing in the Army. Any man in the Forces will bear this out. Some of you civilians must envy us.

One thing more. This People's Army must never be allowed to die. The Army and all it has to offer has too long been estranged from the people. A wonderful change has taken place in the spirit and temper of the British people. The heart of the British people has always beat strongly under its civvy trappings; the heart of the British people still beats, but a thousand times higher and bolder since it came to be beneath khaki.

AN INFANTRY SOLDIER

The V.C. Who Chased The Fuehrer With A Bayonet

I Had Hitler At My Mercy

THE man who on September 28, 1918, held Hitler at his bayonet point and let him go because Hitler was wounded is busy salvaging his home in Coventry.

It was destroyed in Hitler's maniac raid on the city.

Yet had it not been for this man Hitler would never have been alive to instigate his savage bombing.

This man is Henry Tandey, V.C., who at Menin with only nine men to help him held up for four days and eventually captured 16 enemy machine-guns.

Wants Second Chance

He took the crews prisoner except for those who ran away led by a wounded corporal. That corporal was Corporal Adolf Hitler.

Because he did not like to shoot a wounded man Henry Tandey let him go.

"But if I'd known who he'd turn out to be I'm damned if he'd have got off," Mr. Tandey said to me, his arms bristling in his shirt-sleeves.

"I'd give 10 years now to have had five minutes of clairvoyance then."

"Now, when I tried to get back in the Army to see he didn't escape a second time, they refused me because I had a game foot."

Then Mr. Tandey, the only living N.C.O. with the right to wear the V.C., the D.C.M., the M.M. and the Mons Star, gave me the story of how he saved Hitler's life—and won his V.C.

"For several days I and my platoon had held up a large German contingent with our two small Lewis guns," he said.

"The Germans had sixteen machine-guns, but one by one we picked off the members of the gun crews."

"Eventually we decided to polish these Jerries off, so I rigged up a plank bridge for the others to get across and charge them."

This "rigging up the plank bridge" meant 15 minutes' cool work under a hail of machine-gun fire from the enemy.



Hitler at the height of his military career in the last war.

"Then we dashed across. Only nine of us made it. We were hopelessly outnumbered."

"So I told the boys to fix bayonets and charge. The Germans fled and we took about 37 prisoners."

For his outstanding bravery and his leadership in this exploit Corporal Henry Tandey was awarded the V.C.

"The fleeing Jerries were led by a Corporal. I was going to pick him off but he was wounded and I didn't like to shoot at a wounded man."

Corporal Henry Tandey, V.C.—hero of the last war and one of Coventry's heroes, too—here for the first time tells Vivien Batchelor the amazing story of how he had Hitler at his mercy on the Western Front.

"When I see the helpless women and children up here that he has wounded I am sorry to God for my compunction."

Henry Tandey had no idea that the corporal was Adolf Hitler. He has never told this story before. It was Hitler himself who was the first to admit his identity—to Mr. Chamberlain.

When Mr. Chamberlain made his historic visit to Hitler's hideaway at Berchtesgaden he was shown a painting by Fortunio Matania of a 1918 battle scene at the Menin cross roads.

In the centre of the painting was Henry Tandey.

"That man came so near to killing me that I thought that I should never see Germany again," Hitler said to Mr. Chamberlain pointing to the central figure.

Tea For Wardens

"Providence saved me from such devilishly accurate fire as those English boys were aiming at us."

On his return to England Mr. Chamberlain told this story to a colonel in the Green Howards, Henry Tandey's late regiment.

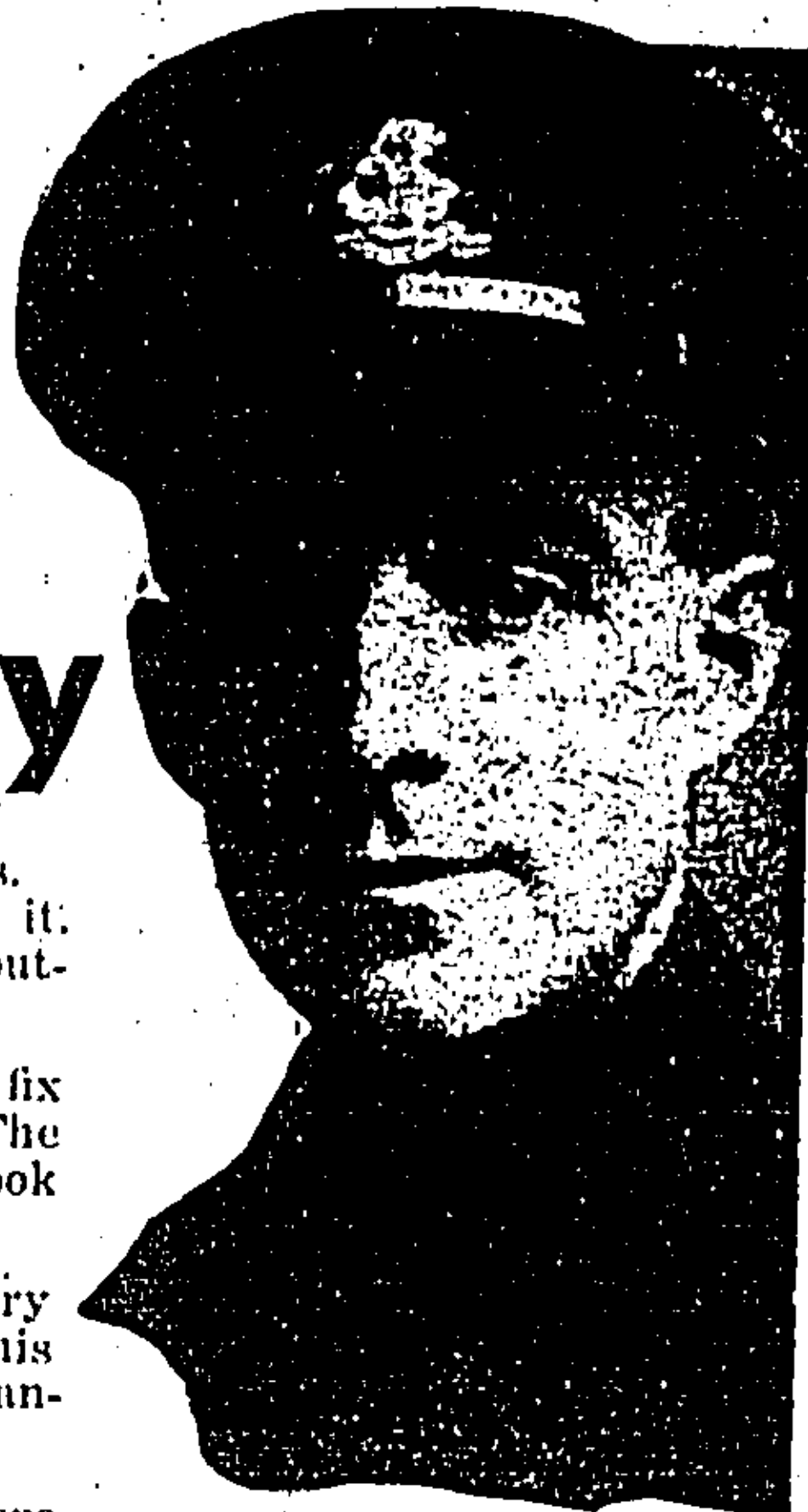
For the past sixteen years Henry Tandey has worked as a commissionaire in a Coventry factory. His rows of medal ribbons lend two splashes of colour to his dark blue uniform.

"And before the war is finished I hope to have the chance of adding a few more to them," he said.

With his wife he lived in a small house in Coke-street, Coventry, until Hitler's fateful raid.

"Fortunately my wife was with her sister in Leamington," he told me.

"I was alone at home making a cup of tea for some of the wardens. Just as I was pouring it all hell started popping. We rushed into the street and found the whole place alight."



Mr. Tandey didn't salvage much of his own home.

He was too busy being a hero in Coke-street.

To no fewer than 12 blazing houses he rushed to rescue the trapped occupants. Fighting his way through the flames he dragged out half-suffocated women and children trapped in their cellars.

Everyone in the road is full of the heroism of Henry Tandey, V.C.

"Well, I had to do what I could. Everybody had to lend a hand," he said deprecatingly of his own night's work.

Token Of Esteem

But he has salvaged a clock. In the little room at his works which is now home to him since one of Hitler's bombs brought down his bedroom and kitchen it has a place of honour on the mantelpiece.

Inscribed on the clock is "L/Cpl. Tandey, V.C., D.C.M., M.M., Duke of Wellington's Regt., Old Comptibles Association, as a token of esteem and comradeship, April, 1920."

"But now I reckon they would have esteemed it more if I'd bumped the blighter off," he laughed.

His one grief now is that they won't have him back in the Army. But as I left him he fired one parting threat. "Just let him ever come over here. He's got an old score to settle with Commissioner Henry Tandey."

Duchess Of Kent And Greek War

EVERY night the Duchess of Kent anxiously awaits the B.B.C. news, according to a London report.

At 9 p.m. approaches she sits in front of the radio at her country home—and listens to the latest news of Greece.

In the morning she hurriedly reads the newspapers to see how the Greek Army is pushing back the Italians.

She frequently attends the Greek church to pray for victory.

When the war started she was one of the Greek colony who fervently sang the 1,000-year-old Greek hymn "Grant us victory against the barbarians."

But she keeps up with her work. She is a fully-trained nurse at University College Hospital.

"And as commandant of the 'Wrens' she is busy visiting centres all over Britain."

"Delighted"

"The Duchess is delighted at the news of the Greek successes," said one of her friends.

"I know she would be happy, when the time is due, to attend a service of thanksgiving."

"She is happy that things are going so well, but is anxious that any big celebrations should be postponed until a little later when affairs become more settled."

Stones Of St Paul's For Oversea Churches

Fragments of stone from the altar and dome of St Paul's Cathedral, damaged in a recent raid, may be built into the walls of new churches throughout the world.

Because of its close association with religious life in the Dominions and Colonies, St Paul's has been called "The Parish Church of the British Empire."

In peace-time it was the practice, when renovations were in progress, to give pieces removed from the structure to religious bodies building new churches overseas.

Altar Smashed

The altar, smashed beyond repair, is still covered by great pieces of masonry, debris and dust from the saucer dome above the reredos.

It will take a long time to complete repairs.

The authorities have not yet had time to decide if any of the broken pieces can be used again in St Paul's or other churches.

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

Aden, Feb. 4.

This year's Mecca pilgrimage is described by the first pilgrims to arrive in Aden from Mecca as most successful. Although the attendance from overseas has not been as large as in previous years, thousands came from Palestine, Syria and the Arabian hinterland.—Reuter.

Mr Gauss Returning As Ambassador

Chungking, Feb. 4.

It was officially announced today that the Chinese Government had approved Washington's plan to replace the American Ambassador, Mr Nelson T. Johnson, by Mr Clarence E. Gauss, at present Minister to Australia and formerly Consul-General at Shanghai.

The move followed Mr Johnson's request that he go to Australia as he wished to rejoin his family who are at present in America and cannot go to China in view of Washington's policy on evacuation.

Simultaneously with the announcement the Chinese press published the information that Mr Gauss would leave for China very shortly and saying he commanded widespread friendship in China and was sympathetic to China's resistance.—United Press.

HONGKONG ESTATE

The late Mr George H. Chubb, formerly of Swatow, who died there on January 4, left Hongkong estate valued at \$800. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to the Official Administrator, Hongkong.



LEWIS SAYS FAREWELL—Overcome by emotion, John L. Lewis, CIO chieftain, wipes tears from eyes as he tells convention at Atlantic City, N. J., that he is keeping pro-election pledge and will step down as CIO leader.

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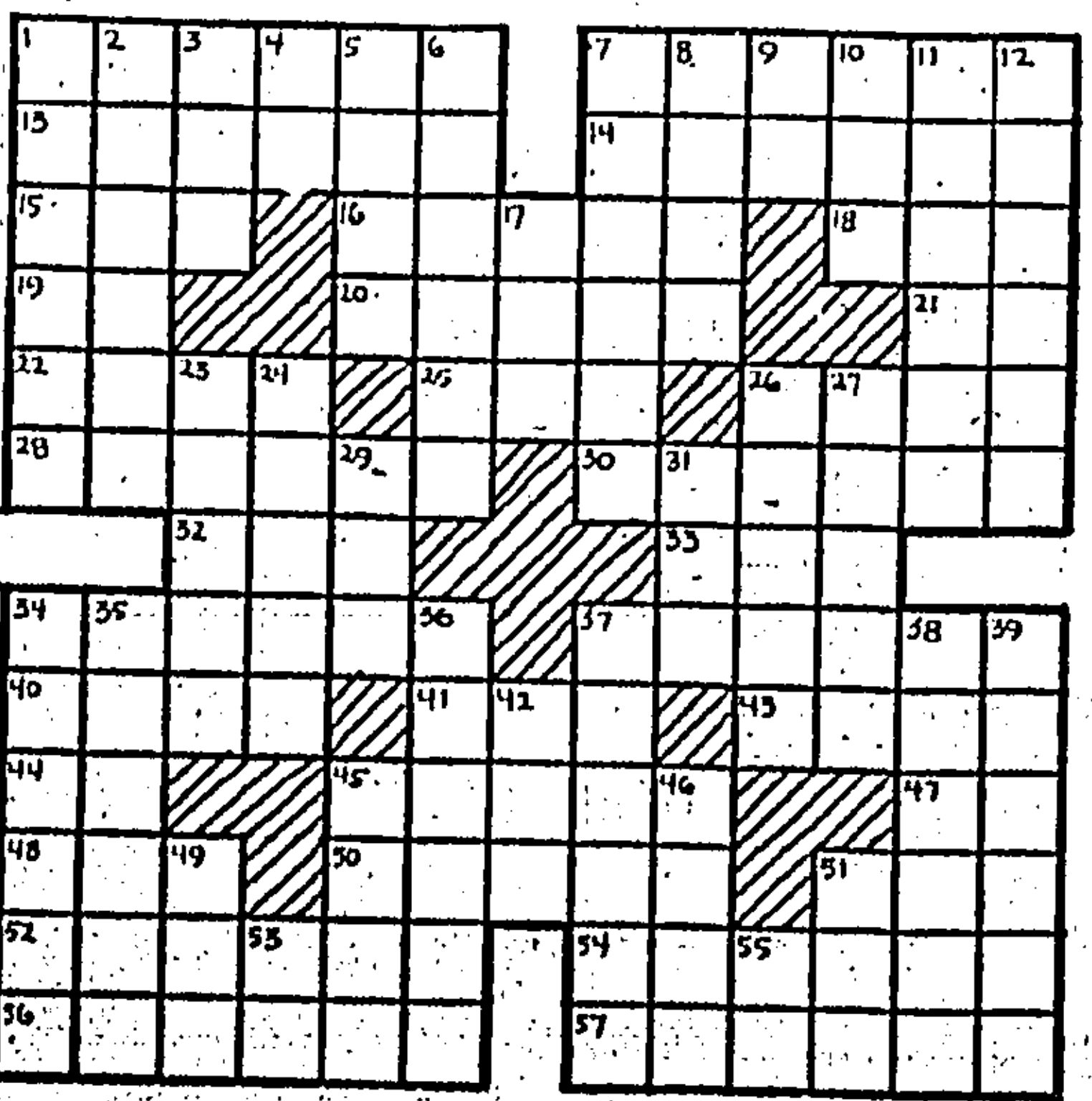
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ACROSS

- Medical science
- Large of cake
- Warning device
- Epidemic disease
- Robot
- African eagle
- Perform
- Edward
- Indie of learning
- And (French)
- Combining form: g-
- Criminal
- Central male figure of norm
- Vacabonds
- Twelve something animals
- Heir of Ben family
- Put with exertion
- Derive scantily
- Throne who operate airplanes
- Over containers
- Pool
- Prove reader's direction
- Allis
- Chlorine
- Prefix: apart
- Substantive ending in noun denoting action
- Dinner
- Unrecovered
- Error

DOWN

- Kind of grain
- New England state
- Refuge
- Refuge to health
- Mistake
- Land
- English measure of length (pl.)
- Heavyweight boxer
- Cow of Guernsey
- Item used for storage
- Sharp encounter
- Throat
- Swift
- Prophetic signs
- Pull
- Pungent in grain
- Patrick
- Yale University
- Partner in marriage
- Leaving power to
- Union of green vegetables
- Whispered voice
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- Pilot
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- Butter: relating to
- Nickel
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THE POOR RELATION

IN his more eloquent days, Mussolini used often to proclaim the joy of living dangerously. A twin theme was the "degenerateness" of the democracies; only "young" nations such as Italy were fit to live and have a future. Actually, Fascism sits in the place—rather unworthily—of one of the oldest European civilisations, but that seems not to be considered by the Duce to be a contradiction in terms.

In considering the colossal humbug that is the Fascist State, it must be noted that this valiant system, which was supposed to glory in war, has not only failed to distinguish itself therein, but also obviously wanted to get its share of the spoils without even fighting for them.

Mussolini's great moment came when France was down and out. In a manner that earned for him the contempt of all the world he sought to stab her in the back when she could not retaliate. If he hoped that a share of France's colonies would promptly be handed over to him, he has been sadly disillusioned. His soul-mate in Berlin has other ideas about that.

Mussolini also calculated that, with France out of the war, the surrender of Britain would come as a matter of course and in very short time. There would thus be two Empires for carving up, with, if not the lion's at least the jackal's share for Italy. That was another bitter disillusionment to the lesser dictator.

To compensate for these setbacks, he reckoned that Greece was to be had for the asking, and that thereby the "Mare nostrum" idea would be brought a little nearer to reality. Again the Duce's calculations were awry, and the Mediterranean, so far from being his sea, is more beset "with pitfall and with gin" for the Italians than it ever was. He has in fact well nigh lost his own Empire.

It can scarcely be wondered at if Mussolini, looking at the map of Europe to-day, feels that his place in the Axis is merely that of the poor and tolerated relation.

Life Is Strange in



LISBON, the New Edge of the World

IF you want to know how it feels to be on the edge of the world—and in danger of dropping into space—come to Lisbon.

Westernmost capital of the Continent, it is the resting place of the caravans of the East.

As Hitler goose-stepped across Europe, packing a kick in his outsize army boots, everybody who thinks the same as I do about Germans made for Lisbon—if he had the fare. They were of all nationalities, including non-Aryan Germans ready to take anybody's nationality.

HERE, then, is the edge of the world. The next thing is to drop off—unless you have the fare to America and can get a visa to that Land of Jordan.

So precarious is your grip on safe territory that even if you are British and have a birth-right of shelter in the homeland, you will find it difficult to get there.

Seaplanes have been seen leaving for England, but mailbags pay the highest freight, so unless you can post yourself or can claim priority in some other way you are just a name on a dog-eared waiting list.

Boats are said to leave the Tagus for English ports when the Ministry of Shipping recommends us, but we seldom see

them. They seem to be phantom ships, like the Flying Dutchman, seen on the horizon but never making port.

So here we remain, a motley crew, reputed millionaires mixing with their valets, diplomats giving away secrets from sheer boredom, journalists hoping for a bust-up to give them sustenance, and miscellaneous nobodies trying to be somebody.

Every week the Clipper leaves for America with those who have been able to save something from the wreck of their fortunes.

WE have had some singular instances of the war's cruelty to the wealthy.

A Rothschild deprived of his European fortunes had to scrub his own socks in the washbasin of an obscure hotel while waiting to get to America to obtain the few millions remaining to him.

A French perfume magnate found himself here among the backwash of the German in-

vasion with a mere £10,000 a year.

Then there was the sad-eyed, emaciated Croesus who married a beauty queen. They sunbathed on the beach at Estoril, and made plans for a new life in the States. Then he disappeared, and was next heard of in prison in his native France.

Before the collapse of France he was making aeroplane engines, and the French Government had some questions to ask. So the long arm of the law reached out for him.

But most of this Legion of the Lost have no such weight of financial responsibility; they just have money trouble.

Actresses and dancers that once had their names in neon lights are merged with the anxious world of merchants, shopkeepers, diamond brokers, out-of-work Cabinet Ministers, helpless aristocrats and polyglot sirens with undulating figures and Paris clothes.

HOTEL lounges and bars are redolent of sauerkraut and spaghetti, for Nazi and Fascist agents pollute the sun-cleansed air of Portugal and abuse her liberal hospitality. They foregather in corners, reading their controlled newspapers.

The British, heavily outnumbered, but stoutly supported by the Americans and others on the winning side, mutter their thoughts into their whisky or pink gin. The bars are the midday clearing house of the latest gossip.

If you want to know what Hitler's next move will be you go into the Avenida Palace, order a drink, eat but they never complain and smile peanuts and throw the shells on the floor, and keep your ears open.

Then if you are not convinced you go to the Aviz, the Tivoli or one of the English bars down by the port where sea captains meet, and by then you know less than when you started.

THE sea approach to Lisbon among us that have to be watched. The sun is sure to be shining on its backs of all of us, so that they white, pink and blue buildings rising could get back to the good old Portugal and up on terraces, with palms, tuguise custom of taking things easy tamarisks and eucalyptus trees offer- and letting their thoughts run to love.

Ships of every size and rig fill the Tagus estuary. The Portuguese fleet will be moored there, and there is sure to be a United States cruiser or sloop.

As you come closer bright splashes of geranium and cyclamen in the public gardens add to the colour of the water front.

Happen on the city from the land side and it looks like a picture on the cover of a fairytale.

There are always flags flying, and the Castello de Sao Jorge, the great Moorish citadel high up above the town, is the Palace of the Fairy Prince.

People who knew Lisbon 15 years ago would no longer recognise it. Oliveira Salazar, the all-powerful Premier, has banished its squalor and made it spotless.

The Avenida da Liberdade is one of the finest thoroughfares in the world, and a magnificent sea road now takes you to the countless Atlantic benches nearby.

To explore the city you get into one of the little Austin Lulicabs that are always nearly running people over and you go switch-backing up and down the dangerously steep streets that climb over the volcanic hills on which Lisbon stands.

At night the romantic go up to the heights of Graça and whisper their love in the warm stillness, with the lights of the city twinkling far below.

THE Portuguese are mostly tiny and unfamously friendly: a blon people with big hearts. They would be plain were it not for their eyes, which are long-lashed and like black velvet.

Their thoughts are mostly of love, and the cafe terraces are crowded all day long with pocket Don Juans whose heads go from side to side, for no passing woman is unworthy of their notice.

Once, the Portuguese were the world's greatest navigators, but now they are homely and their wants are few.

Men of the humbler classes are happy—if they have a new-frilly mitter their thoughts into their highly polished shoes and a spittoon.

All these foreigners sprawling over their country have increased the cost of living for the Portuguese, and by a lot of work, for they have to keep track of us and make us pay sojourn tax.

Then there are some bad eggs among us that have to be watched. So the police would be glad to see the backs of all of us, so that they could get back to the good old Portugal and up on terraces, with palms, tuguise custom of taking things easy tamarisks and eucalyptus trees offer- and letting their thoughts run to love.

PATCHES ARE THE FASHION

THE other day somebody in an official position, when urging us to save all we can, mentioned money usually spent on clothes in particular and told us that from now on we should take a pride in wearing old clothes. If we have to patch them, he said, patches should be regarded as a badge of honour.

And, after all, there is no reason why, in the course of fashion's changes, patched coats should not for a season become the correct wear. Aristocratic women used to deliberately wear little black patches on their faces. They probably originated in an attempt to conceal deformities, but when they became fashionable they were considered beautiful.

I have myself no objection to wearing old clothes. In fact, I rather like them. There are two great pleasures that men experience in the matter of dress. One is wearing a new and exquisitely-cut suit for the first time; another is wearing an old suit of the kind that wives and children try to steal and give away in charity.

Half the craze for wearing new clothes comes, I suspect, from the desire of self-advertisement.

When I first came to London, I sometimes wished I were better dressed. It was in the depths of winter and my overcoat was an old coat with an astrakhan collar, which had once belonged to another man. There were triangular rips in it here and there, and the buttons did not match, one of them being a trouser button, another black, and another bone-coloured.

I did not mind that; but unfortunately I had to look for work and see editors in pursuit of it; and I dared not appear in that coat in a Fleet Street office by daylight. As a result, I had always to wait for the fall of darkness before venturing to call on an editor for an interview. I felt that the rips on the shoulders would be all but invisible by artificial light.

This is not good for the morale. If, while you are interviewing an important person, you keep wondering

whether he has noticed—that your coat is held together by a trouser-button and three other buttons of different patterns, you cannot achieve that ease of manner and self-confidence that will impress him with the wisdom of making use of your services.

Now, however, all this will be changed. The well-dressed man who presents himself at an office in search of work will be automatically refused admission by the commissionaire. Men dressed as I once was in an old torn coat with an astrakhan collar will be welcomed with open arms and will be asked whether as a great favour they would be willing to take a seat on the board of directors.

And this new age of patches will not lack picturesqueness. I am inclined to think that a patched suit will make an even greater appeal to the artistic eye than the best-cut suit from a West-End tailor.

At the moment I happen to be wearing a very old suit which, unfortunately, is not at all picturesque. I was wearing it, however, at the beginning of the war, and I said to myself in one of those unreasonable moods that men have: "I will wear this suit till the war is over."

At that time, I confess, I was suffering from wishful thinking, and had no doubt that the war would be over fairly soon. Even so, I do not regret my decision. Every time I put the suit on I feel optimistic, since I regard it as essentially a victory suit.

When I wore it first I did not much care for the pattern of the cloth, but through long association I have grown quite fond of it. It has not yet had a patch—nothing more than a few stitches at one of the elbows—but a patch or two, when they become necessary will, I think, improve it.

After all the real objection to patched clothes has always been, not that they are ugly or uncomfortable, but that they are not respectable.

Now that they have become respectable, there is not a single fault to be found with them.

Call your old suit Old Faithful, and you will begin to feel quite sentimental about it.

ROBERT LYND



"There is a Tide in the Affairs of Men"
AS THEY SEE IT ABROAD (Victoria "Daily Times")

FRENCH CABINET MOVES

New Set-Up Includes Laval

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Minister of Marine, reached Vichy from Paris to-night and conferred immediately with Marshal Petain.

It is believed in Vichy that he will return to Paris "shortly"—probably to-morrow or Thursday—to "inform other parties in the negotiations there of the Marshal's attitude," presumably towards the reinstatement of Laval.

Earlier reports had said that Laval would accompany Admiral Darlan to Vichy, the Marshal having accepted the German demand for his reinstatement in the Cabinet.

These reports added that the Vichy Government would probably be eliminated.

Meanwhile, M. Paul Badoin, who was Marshal Petain's first Foreign Minister and afterwards Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, is stated to have been given a new post. This, according to the German news agency, is the presidency of the Administrative Council of the Bank of Indo-China.

Warning To France

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—A warning to France not to place her hopes in a British victory was broadcast in French by the German radio station at Stuttgart to-night.

The speaker said that such an attitude showed "inexcusable frivolity bordering on high treason" and added: "Unless all Frenchmen make up their minds to carry out without delay the readjustment indispensable in the political, economic and social spheres, the difficulties under which France is labouring, far from being relieved, will worsen—possibly with disastrous speed."

Germany's Girl Parachutists

Girls in their teens are used as parachute troops by the Germans.

This was stated in an interview in New York by Mrs. H. Kay Sterling, who lived in Germany until the spring of 1940 escaping to Belgium and France just before the Nazi invasion.

Two of the girl parachutists were captured in Brussels while she was there, Mrs. Sterling said.

General Saved From Wreck

General Legentilhomme, former commander of the Allied Forces in Somaliland, was a passenger in the Empress of Britain when she was bombed by enemy aircraft off the Irish Coast.

After spending several hours in an open boat he was rescued, and continued his journey to London.

There he placed himself at the disposal of General de Gaulle and the Free French Movement.

Chinese Claim Debacle Of Enemy In Honan

LOYANG, Feb. 4 (Central News).—Chinese strategy has turned the Japanese offensive in south Honan into a debacle with enemy casualties of 20,000 approximately. Large quantities of Japanese arms and ammunition were captured.

The Chinese success is understood to be the greatest since the turn of the year.

The Japanese force of about 100,000 men is said to have been encircled and subject to a counter-offensive.

Wuyang, Siping, Shangtsai, Pacanyi, (south of Yehhsien), Tushuchen, (north of Fangcheng) and other strategic points which the Chinese abandoned in order to entice the Japanese to penetrate deep into south Honan, were successively recaptured by the Chinese.

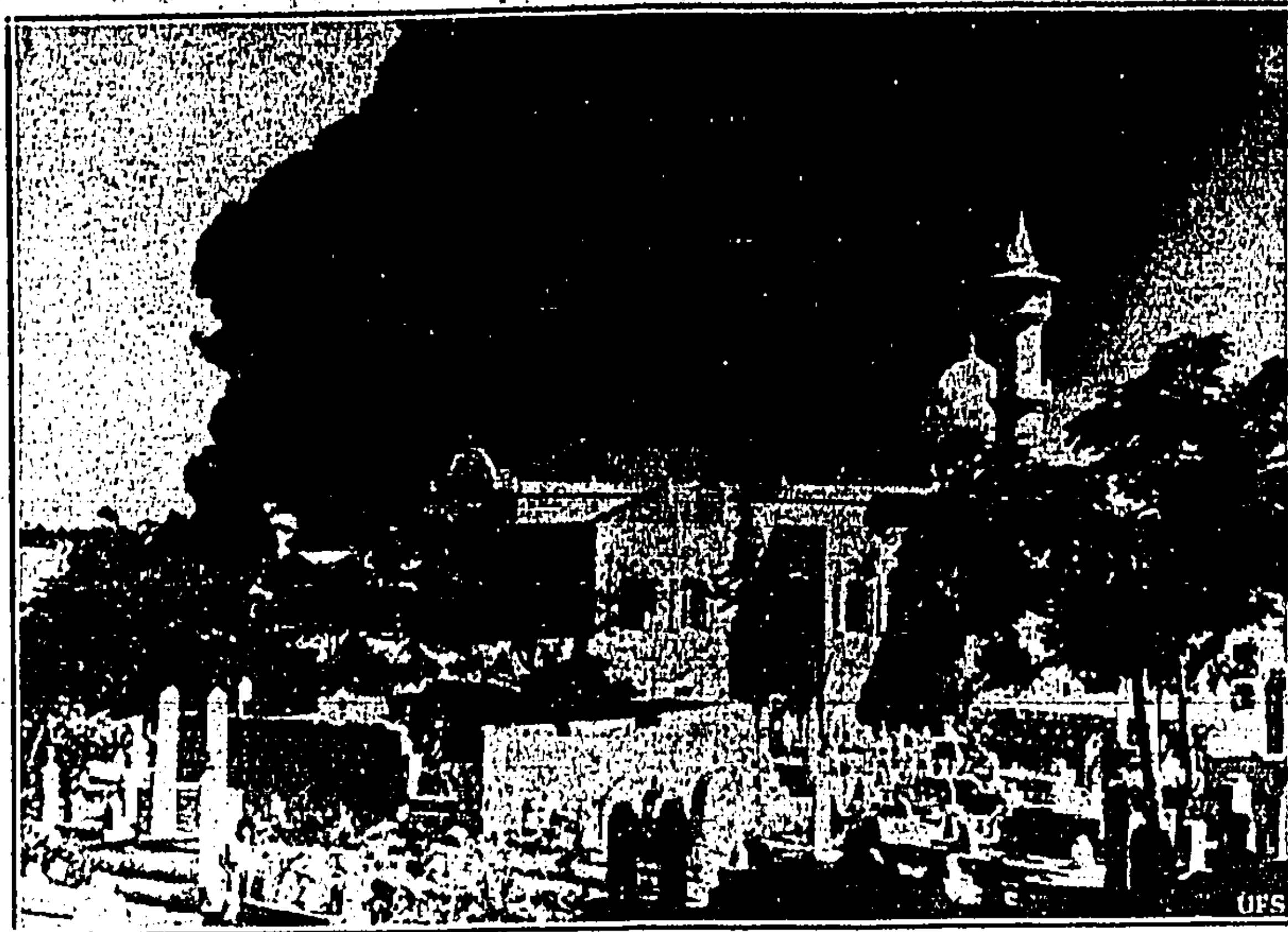
The Japanese troops at Singyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway launched an offensive on January 14 in four columns. One column pushed northward along the railway line, entering Mingkung, Kiosium, Chumien and Siping. It was subjected to annihilating attacks by the Chinese on the way and was drawn further northward to Siping.

A second column pushed northward to the east of the railway, taking Wuyang, Juinan, and Shangtsai. From Shangtsai this column made an attack at Chowkiakow but was repulsed.

A third column pushed northward to the west of the railway. After passing through Hoshangtsai, Hingchuan, it attacked Shanghsien.

A fourth column drove westward from Singyang to Tungpal and turned northward to the neighbourhood of Miyang to attack Singhsien. On January 29 some Japanese troops from Siping and Siping reached Wuyang.

After trapping the Japanese, the Chinese started a general counter-offensive with the aid of local self-defence units. The Japanese were surprised into confusion.



WAR IN HOLY LAND—Black smoke pours in a huge cloud from burning oil tanks set afire in Haifa, Palestine, by Italian bombing planes. Thirty Moslems were killed and 58 wounded. Bomb fragments damaged mosque and cemetery, foreground.

Japanese Precautions Against Espionage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (Domel).—The proposed national defence security act is aimed at extirpating alien espionage activities in Japan instead of controlling the Japanese people, a spokesman of the War Office told the House of Representatives' committee dealing with the national defence security bill to-day.

Admitting considerable anxiety over the manner in which the new act may be enforced, the War Office spokesman urged the "inevitable necessity" of preventing alien espionage intrusions.

"Frankly speaking, since the Manchurian incident there have in fact been occasions when national opinion was divided. While the Diet and the military were militating against each other, financial cliques pursued private interests regardless of the interests of the State. The internal dissensions thus entailed have given occasion to Communism and Liberalism to take advantage of the situation," the Army spokesman declared.

Asked whether the act is a temporary wartime legislation or a permanent one, the Minister of Justice, Lieut.-General Hetsuke Yanagawa, said that the act has been necessitated by the delicate international situation which is prevailing now and its necessity would not be lost unless the present international situation undergoes substantial changes.

Admitting the possibility of re-examining the act in future in case of substantial changes coming over the situation, the Justice Minister added that it was difficult to draw a

Natives Take Low Road

Tribe Sings "Loch Lomond"

Charles Wagley, Columbia University anthropologist, plodded 800 miles through Brazilian jungles to meet the naked Tupi-apes Indians who, he assumed, would grimace at him and speak in ugh-ugh language.

Instead, he found them singing Loch Lomond in English with a heavy Scotch burr.

That shocked him and he began investigating. At length he learned that a Scottish missionary, one of the three white men to visit the primitives in many years, had been there five years ahead of him.

"Loch Lomond" was the missionary's favourite song and he had taught them the words, accent included.

Devised Shock

Wagley, 27, telling it now after his return from a jungle expedition, said he devised a shock for the next white visitor.

He taught the tribesmen to sing "Sideshow of New York" and "Mademoiselle From Armentiers."

Ex-King Carol's Marriage

No Record In London

Ex-King Carol of Rumania, now in Lisbon with Madame Magda Lupescu, is reported to have announced that he was married to her in London "some years ago"—but a search of Somerset House registers revealed no record of the marriage.

A Press Association reporter examined entries of marriages that have taken place during the past 20 years. Neither King Carol's name nor Madame Lupescu's was among them.

An official said, "There are no circumstances in which a marriage could take place in England and Wales without registration."

"A person might be married in a name other than his real one, but the assumed name would have to be one by which he was well known. Even then he might find it a rather difficult thing to do."

Ex-King Carol has often been in England. He was there in 1928 as Prince and Madame Lupescu was with him then. He was in the country again in 1930, 1937, and 1939.

Nazis Execute Paris Students

Several students were executed on the spot by the Germans during recent student demonstration in Paris, according to information received in London by the Free French News Agency.

The students are stated to have "made remarks to German soldiers." The demonstrations were referred to in a statement made in Berlin by M. Scapini, French delegate on the Justice Commission, who said that "Germany did not take them seriously."

Football

Monthly Meeting Of Referees' Association

The monthly meeting of the Football Referees' Association was held at the Hotel Cecil last evening. Mr. H. Beard was in the chair, assisted by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

A proposal to request the Football Association to award referees and linesmen with souvenirs in the form of whistles and medals when officiating at senior and junior shield final and interport games was shelved until more prosperous times.

Following a discussion on routine matters, R. S. M. Ford addressed the meeting on the conditions of soccer at home. He dealt with the war demands on man-power and the consequent financial effect on some of the teams—which is some cases had meant the closing down of the Club for the duration.

Speculating on the future, he foresaw the difficulties of such Clubs when it came to re-opening after the war; their difficulty in competing with other Clubs that had maintained their nucleus of players throughout.

In summing up, the speaker said he was certain that there would be changes in control or presentation, but though the period to come may be difficult, it was everyone's duty to uphold the game to the level it had enjoyed during its period of peace.

C. S. C. C. Eleven

The First Division League Cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and "Civil Service" for Saturday has been postponed to a later date.

The following will represent Civil Service in the Second Division against Indian R. C. C. at Sookunpoor: H. F. Strang, G. Anale, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

F. A. Meetings

The League Management Committee of the Hongkong Football Association will hold a meeting on Friday, at 5.30 p.m., when the finals of the Lai Wah Cup and Sunday Herald Cup competitions will be arranged.

The Council of the Association will meet on Wednesday, February 12, to discuss the usual monthly items and to make the draw for the Second Rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions.

Winter Games In Japan

SAPPORO, Feb. 4 (Domel).—The winter events of the Japanese 11th National Athletic Meet commenced here to-day with a formal ceremony at 10 o'clock attended by 3,400 skiers, skaters and officials, while 50,000 packed the municipal stadium to witness the events.

Bulgarian Pro-Nazi Minister Resigns

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—M. Bagrianoff, the Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture, known for his Nazi sympathies, resigned this morning, according to a Sofia telegram.

King Boris has accepted the resignation and his post has been taken over by M. Filoff, the Prime Minister.

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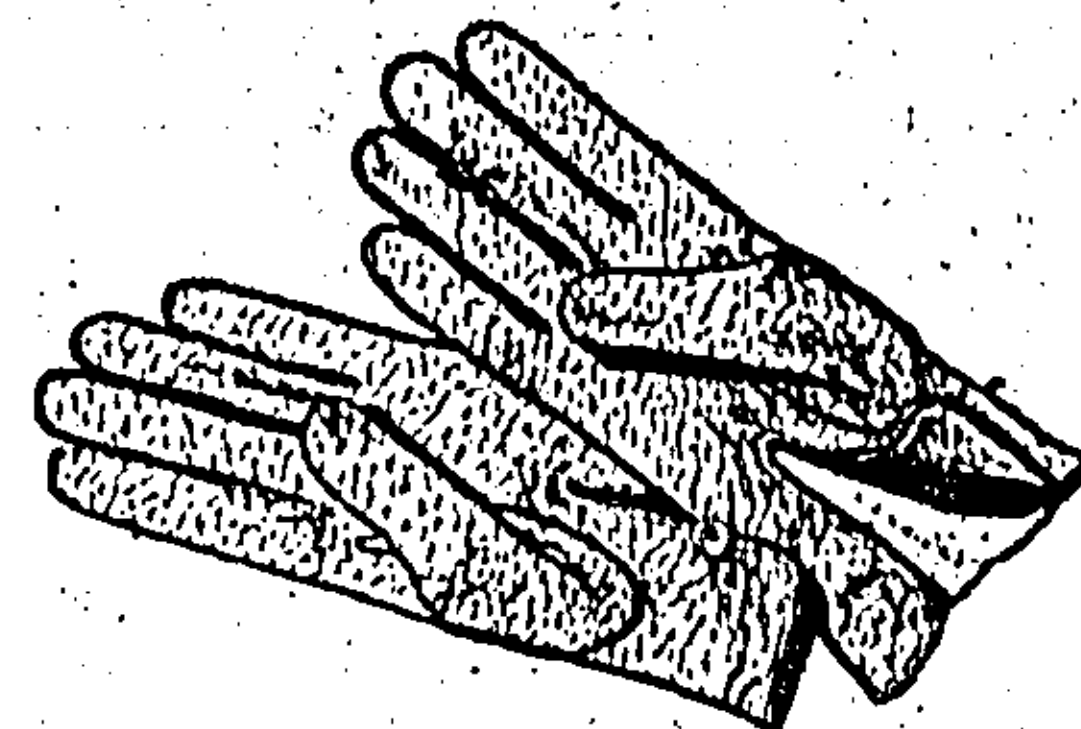
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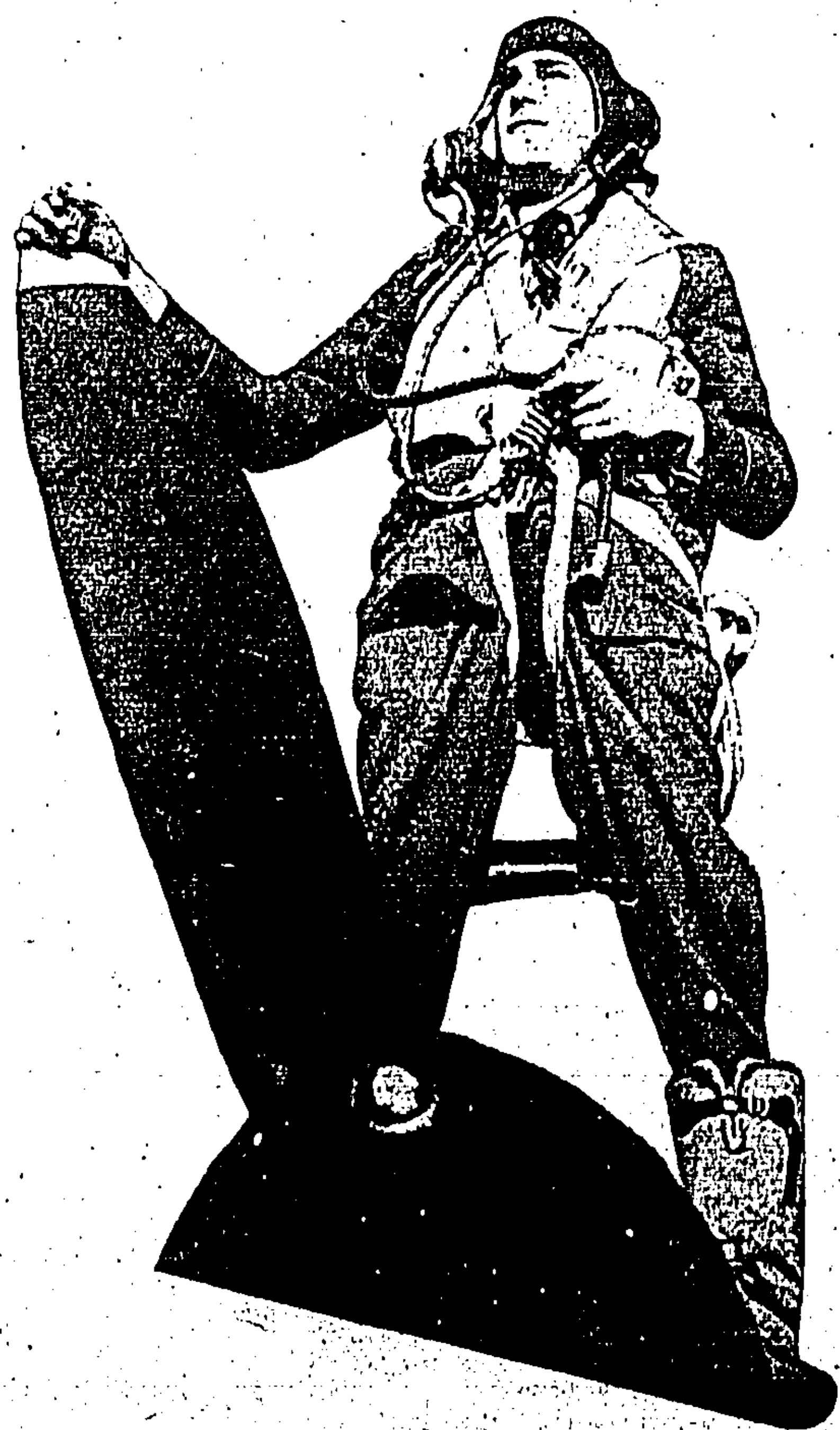
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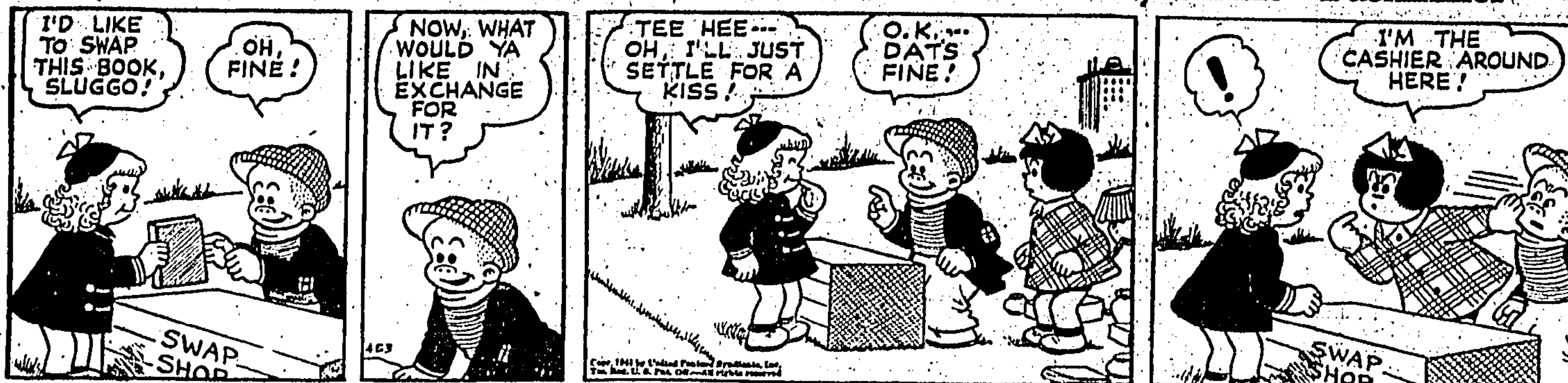
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Fascist Gave Nazi Salute When Fined

Fined a total of £31 for lighting offences, James Lloyd, late district representative of the British Union of Fascists, gave the Nazi salute as he left Uxbridge Police Court recently.

"Is this justice?" he shouted.

Mr Horace Fenton, prosecuting, said that while a raid was in progress and planes were overhead, two warden saw a fire blazing in Lloyd's garden in Cornwell-road, Ruislip.

They climbed a fence and were going to put it out when Lloyd came running down the garden.

"Panicky"

He was very abusive and said, "You are panicky. You wait until there are 20,000 dive-bombers overhead."

With difficulty the warden prevailed on him to get water to put the fire out. Then he flashed a torch on the sides of the house and into the air.

Home Guardman David James, of Hatherly-road, Ruislip Minor, said he rushed to the spot thinking the glow was caused by an incendiary bomb.

Lloyd, who pleaded guilty, said he had just moved into the house, and was burning up old rubbish.

"The fire had been going for three days, and I religiously put it out each night. Unfortunately, on that particular night some paraffin paper caught fire."

"I used the torch to see my way through the bushes."

Army Service

"I am a member of the British Union of Fascists and the Link."

"In other words, you are anti-British," said Mr Fenton.

"I am pro-British. I would not have served 18 years in the Forces if I wasn't," retorted Lloyd.

Police-Sergeant Bentley said Lloyd had been dismissed from the Army last April because of his political views.

"I shall have to go to prison," exclaimed Lloyd, when he was fined. "I have two children and a wife to keep."

"Mountain Of Gold" In Eruption

Oldonyo Lengai, the "Mountain of Gold," the volcano sacred to the South African Masai tribes, has erupted, throwing out molten lava and red-hot ashes.

The countryside over a 30-mile radius in the northern province of Tanganyika has been scorched.

The Masai people hurriedly left their kraals. Herds of cattle were burned to death.

The "Mountain of Gold" first erupted in January and March, 1917. No great destruction was caused.

Masai Belief

The Masai regard the mountain as the holy source of all blessing and benefits for the race.

The 1917 rumblings, the Masai believed, were due to lowing cattle which would come out from the mountain and make the tribesmen wealthy.

When the eruption died down, the Masai performed elaborate ceremonies at the foot of the mountain. After a pilgrimage with cattle, and goats they poured blood and milk over the sacred soil.

The "Mountain of Gold" is very steep and difficult to climb, and the Masai have always refused to guide travellers to the "Pyramid of Beauty," as it is also known.

Far Eastern Seventh Day Adventists Meet

Thirty-five Seventh Day Adventists, six of whom are to attend the annual executive committee of the organization's Far Eastern division conference, arrived in Singapore from America recently.

This conference, which is held in Singapore at the same time every year to discuss the educational, medical, publishing, and evangelistic aspects of the organization as well as the budget for the next year, will last a fortnight.



SUPER-DEFENCE COUNCIL—Members of the new Office for Production Management for Defence, created by President Roosevelt. From left: William S. Knudsen, director; Sidney Hillman, associate director; Secretary of Navy Frank Knox and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, members. They have full authority to speed up national defence and aid to Britain.

British Offer to Moscow: Three-Point Programme

EVER since he went to Moscow Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador, has been attempting, in full agreement with the Foreign Office, to find ways and means of establishing something like a normal basis between the two countries, says "The Times" Diplomatic correspondent.

The Soviet Government were informed of the British decision to reopen the Burma Road before the decision was made public. M. Molotov's acknowledgment of the news seemed a trifle brief, as though the matter were of little concern to Moscow; but it was noticed that Soviet help to China, which had dwindled while the road was shut, increased again with the reopening of the road.

Further attempts to dispel misunderstanding, however, were met by the constant reply from Moscow that progress could hardly be made while Great Britain refused to recognize the inclusion of the Baltic States within the Soviet Union. If (asked Moscow) Great Britain and the Soviet Union cannot agree on small things, how could they be expected to agree on larger issues?

On October 22 Sir Stafford Cripps handed to M. Vyshinski, M. Molotov's deputy, a long memorandum in which the British Government put forward a comprehensive plan suggesting some principles which, if accepted, could lead to better understanding between the two Governments.

The British Government were prepared to give de facto recognition to the inclusion of the Baltic States within the Soviet frontiers; they were prepared to invite the Soviet Union to share as an equal partner in the peace conference—when, among many problems to be settled, there would be the formal status of the Baltic States; they were prepared to give an assurance that Great Britain would not join a bloc hostile to the Soviet Union and would not, in fact, be associated in any attack on the Soviet Union.

In return they asked for neutrality in the present war and for an undertaking that no anti-British propaganda would be conducted in British territory.

"**Serious Consideration**"

M. Vyshinski demurred at the last point, suggesting that the undertaking about propaganda should not be left one-sided. When he received an assurance that the British Government would make it reciprocal, so as to cover both anti-British and anti-Soviet propaganda, and that the British Government were united in support of the whole memorandum, he said that it would be given the most serious consideration of his Government.

Soon afterwards came the news of M. Molotov's mission to Berlin.

Moscow apparently believes that Great Britain gave something like de facto recognition of the absorption of the Baltic States some weeks ago when the British diplomats were withdrawn. Furthermore, Soviet diplomats argue that, as the war between Great Britain and Germany shows no signs of ending, they gain nothing immediately from the British offer of a seat at the peace conference and of British neutrality during any attack on the Soviet Union.

So far the German methods of spectacular diplomacy, coupled with the Nazis' cynical disregard for principles, seem to have secured more gains than rebuffs from Moscow; but the more quietly presented British memorandum is still open for discussion between London and Moscow.

Going-On In Shelters

Social Workers' Concern

TWO large air raid shelters in London's East End are causing considerable concern to social workers.

Both are dimly lighted, and policemen have now been drafted to the district to patrol the shelters throughout the night.

An East End social worker said: "There are so many dark corners and other places in the shelters where the marshals cannot see what is going on that it became necessary to have policemen on patrol."

Asking For Trouble

Mr Basil Henriques, chairman of East London Juvenile Court, had something to say about the shelters during a case he dealt with recently.

A girl was said to be beyond the control of her parents.

"For a young girl to go into a public shelter now without her parents is simply asking for trouble," commented Mr Henriques.

"The things that are going on in these shelters are very dreadful."

Big Rail Crisis In Germany

TRANSPORT difficulties in Germany and German-occupied territory, because of a vital shortage of railway wagons, are revealed in reports just received.

Any severe shortage will mean not only a desperate situation for war transport, but also the hold-up, or complete stoppage, of work in factories which rely on a continuous supply of raw materials.

Unlike British railways, which have been maintained in the highest state of material efficiency, the German lines have been neglected and starved of renewals ever since the Nazi party came to power.

Results Of Neglect

Shortly before the war it was stated officially in Germany that £300,000,000 would have to be spent to bring the railways up to pre-Nazi standards of safety and efficiency.

The results of this neglect and the overloading of German railways through the demands of the tremendous Nazi war machine are now beginning to show themselves in accidents, broken-down railway wagons, and decreased efficiency of railway transport service.

Saved By Human Chain In Flooded Shelter

Water flooded down into a London suburban air raid shelter one night when a bomb fractured the roof and also broke water mains. Many people were in the shelter, but because of their amazing coolness the casualties were not heavy, though a large death toll was at first feared.

Soon after the explosion the shelter was flooded, and many of the shelterers had to wade knee deep. They lost the belongings they had taken to the shelter with them.

A.R.P. wardens, Home Guards, police and rescue parties quickly arrived, and took the rescued people to a large block of flats and other shelters nearby.

A small number of shelterers were caught by the flooding, and throughout the night large rescue staffs were engaged in pumping water out.

Lost Belongings

"Most of our belongings were lost in the flood—gas masks, bags, bedding and blankets. Our only concern was, however, to reach safety," said one of the rescued.

"We made a long human chain to the exit by holding each other."

Many of the people who emerged looked as though they were ascending from a coal mine.

One of them said: "We heard a terrible bang, followed by a big splash and all the lights went out."

"It was amazing how all the people behaved, especially when the cry came that water was coming through the roof. We could hear the water falling."

Mothers' Cries

"Families became separated and there were many cries from mothers calling their children by name."

The bomb made a large crater and caused considerable damage.

Year's Ten Big News Stories

A news story which has not been written—Soviet Russia's role in world events—is included in the annual *United Press* selection of the year's ten biggest news stories. The stories ranked first are President Roosevelt's third term re-election, followed by the Battle of Britain.

Earl Johnson, general manager of *United Press*, said: "Our editors felt that if the facts about Russia's influence on world affairs were not shrouded by the official secrecy of censorship the story involved might be among the most important. The big thing we do not know about Russia is the extent of her influence on Tokyo's operations in the Far East and Germany's plans in the Balkans."

Other Stories

After the Battle of Britain, *United Press* lists the following news stories in the order given—

The fall of France, Dunkirk, and the Battle of Oran;

American selective service and other measures for hemisphere defence, including the destroyers for bases trade;

German occupation of Norway, Denmark and the Low Countries;

Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis and the Japanese drive toward Indo-China;

Italy's abortive attempt to invade Greece;

Germany's diplomatic offensive into the Balkans, with the abdication of King Carol;

Italy's entrance into the war;

The enigma of Russia.

GRACIE TO STAR IN PLAY

GRACIE FIELDS is to star in a musical play which Monty Banks, her husband, is planning to put on in New York, next Spring.

She will give half her salary to British war relief.

Meanwhile, she plans to make a concert tour in the United States under the auspices of the English-speaking Union for British war relief.

Empire Tour

After the play, which will be presented by her husband in collaboration with Max Gordon and Oscar Hammerstein, she will undertake an Empire tour.

It will include a visit to the United Kingdom, and will be entirely for charities and entertainment of the troops.

Gracie's recent Canadian tour was exceptionally successful. The returns to date are approximately £75,000.

Of this sum 75 per cent. will be for the Navy League for distribution in Britain, 25 per cent. being retained in Canada.

Gracie paid her own expenses on the tour.

DETAILS OF COLONY BLACKOUT EXERCISE

Relief For Refugee Waifs

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that blackout exercises will take place on the nights of February 26-27, February 27-28 and February 28-March 1.

In these exercises, the blackout will automatically commence at sunset (0.26 p.m.) on February 26, and remain in force until sunrise (0.40 a.m.) on March 1.

The Government Blackout Order of 1940 will be strictly enforced during this period from sunset onwards, and the general public should observe the following points:

(a) From sunset (0.26 p.m.) on February 26, 27 and 28 to sunrise (0.40 a.m.) on February 27 and 28 and March 1, during the whole of this period—

(i) External lights of every description, both on land and in ships, must not be lit except the navigation lights referred to in paragraph 4 (a) below.

(b) All internal lights must be screened by shutters, dark blinds, dark curtains, or otherwise, so that no light, direct or indirect, is visible from above or from any other direction.

(c) Lights on all types of road transport must be obscured with two thicknesses of ordinary blue, close woven cloth or paint. The use of headlights on motor vehicles is prohibited, except that a restricted ferry service may be maintained by the Star Ferry and the Hongkong and Kowloon Ferry between Hongkong and Kowloon, but all lights must be extinguished or obscured, and navigation lights aboard the ferries must not be lit.

(d) Light-houses and certain aids to navigation must not be lit, but to assist in the safe navigation of the ferries mentioned in paragraph 4 (a) above, a navigation light may be displayed on the piers at Kowloon and Hongkong, provided that such light is so placed that it cannot be seen from above and that it does not throw any light on to the water.

5. **Air Raid Alarms**

(a) During the blackout, air raid alarm signals will be sounded, and all road traffic must stop and pull into the side of the road, extinguish all lights, and remain thus until the "Raiders Passed" signal has been sounded, when they may resume their journeys, provided that their lights are obscured in accordance with the Government Blackout Order of 1940.

(b) The ferries mentioned in paragraph 4 (a) above will cease running on the sounding of the Air Raid Alarm signal, and will proceed to the nearest jetty, where they will remain until the "Raiders Passed" signal is sounded. On the sounding of the "Raiders Passed" signal, they may resume their journeys, provided the lighting restrictions mentioned in paragraph 4 (a) above are complied with.

6. **General**

(a) Movements of traffic throughout the whole period of the blackout employed by the Naval, Military, Air Force, A.R.P. and Essential Services, will be permitted, but the provisions of the Government Blackout Order must be complied with.

(b) Pedestrians should remain in their houses, and thereby avoid exposing themselves to the grave risks of personal injury which are inherent during a blackout, and also to accustom themselves to conditions which would be enforced in war-time.

(c) It should be particularly noted that, as far as the general public is concerned, blackout conditions must be observed throughout the whole period of the exercise, that is from sunset (0.26 p.m.) to sunrise (0.40 a.m.) on each of the following dates:—February 26-27, 27-28, and February 28-March 1, and must not be relaxed, even if the "Raiders Passed" signal is sounded, unless the exercise is terminated earlier. (See Para. 7.)

7. **Termination of the Exercise**

The exercise will automatically terminate at sunrise (0.40 a.m.) on March 1, when normal lighting, land and sea traffic movement may be resumed. If, however, the exercise is considered to have been successful, it may be terminated after the second night of the blackout, and this information will be conveyed to the general public by the sounding of the "Raiders Passed" signal between the hours of 11 a.m. and noon on February 28.

Mr V. G. Bowden, Australian Trade Commissioner, was the guest of the Chinese Australian Association at the Kin Kwok Restaurant, China Emporium building, on Monday evening. There was an attendance of about 50, over which the President, Choy Hing, presided, others present being Messrs Philip Gockchin, Choy Chong, M. Chan Harr and William Yinson Lee, Vice-Presidents; Mr James O'Chow, Treasurer; Mr W. Gock Young, (Chinese Secretary); Mr Gock Young, Messrs Woon Yung-nio, Ma Ying-pui, Mrs Alice Choy, Mr and Mrs James Choy, Mr and Mrs Arthur Choy, Mrs Arthur W. Woo, Mrs Violet Chan, Mrs P. K. Turner, Mr Sidney Ng Quinn, Mr Gock Young, (Australian Associated Press), Mr and Mrs W. S. H. Loh, Mr Eugene Penn, Mr D. Jackman, Mr and Mrs Lau Hing-shing, the Misses Hing-shing, Miss Frances Lau, Mr K. T. Loh (Ministry of Overseas Affairs), Mrs Pauline Lee, Mrs Lee Hoi-leong, Mr H. Lim, Mr Leong Win-joe and many others.

More than H.K. \$10,000 and Chinese \$30,000 have been raised by the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children in a campaign launched in December, 1940, which aimed at collecting H.K. \$50,000 for the relief of war waifs.

In addition to the funds, some \$15,000 worth of wheat shipped to China for relief purposes from the United States has been allocated to the Association by Dr John Earl Baker, Chief of the American Red Cross Relief Unit to China, when he passed through Hongkong en route to Chungking last week. The wheat will soon be shipped to Hongkong for distribution to the Association's homes for refugee children.

A similar campaign for funds will be launched in Macao. The Rev. Mr Chow Po-ching, Chairman of the Association, yesterday left for the Portuguese Colony to make arrangements.

The Helena May Religious Fellowship will hold a meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday. The speaker will be Miss J. R. Taylor, and her subject, "Some Problems of the Poor in Hongkong."

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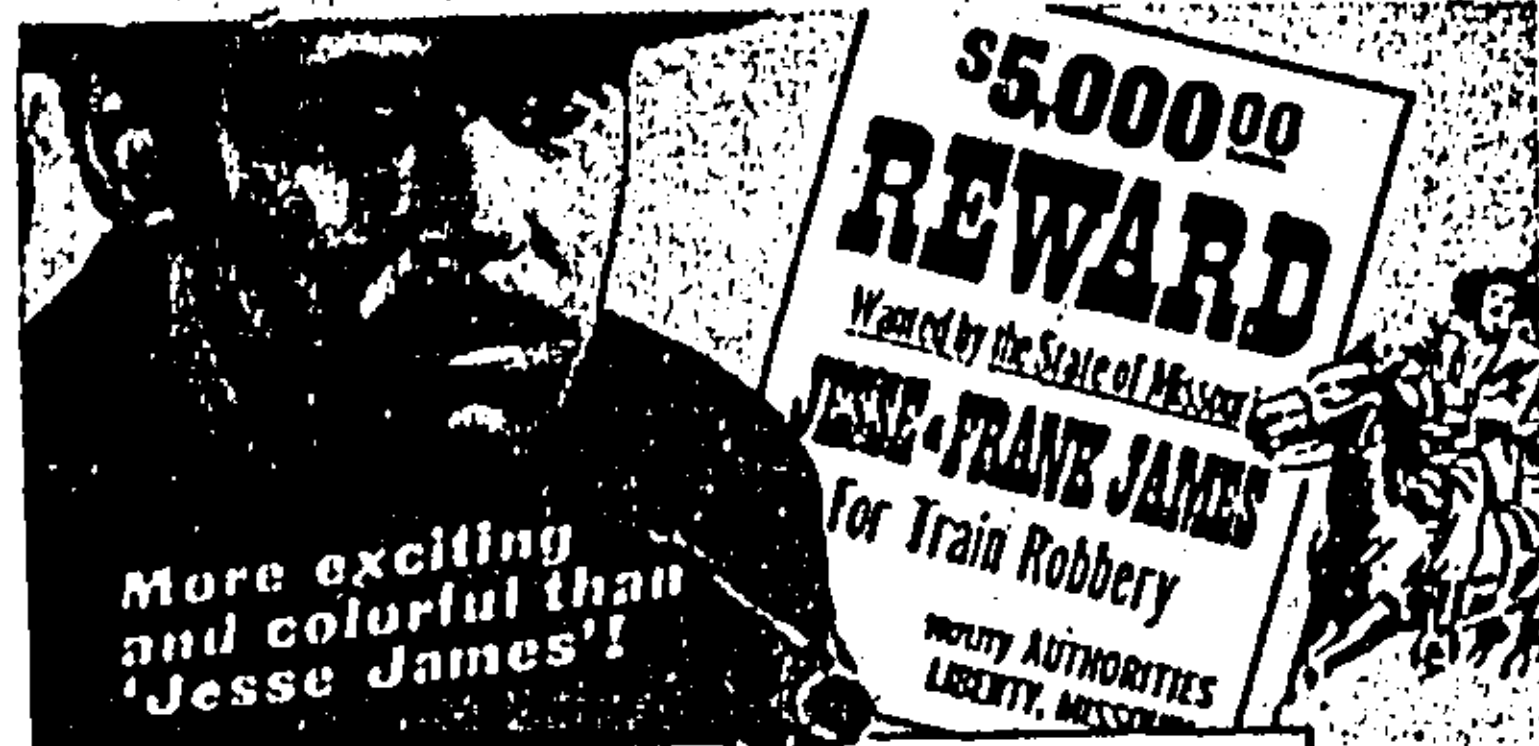
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Chungking Has Need Of Much More Aid

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I talked expressed the hope that Loughlin Currie, one of President Roosevelt's administrative assistants who, now enroute to Chungking, would return to Washington with information and ideas which would lead to increased aid on a basis and in a manner which would insure its maximum effectiveness.

Eager To Cooperate

The highest officials of the Chinese Government, interviewed by the writer last week, implied by all their remarks an eagerness to co-operate with the United States in every way necessary to put American material aid to the best use. All the most experienced foreign observers I consulted, including many of non-American nationalities, felt the Chinese Government was prepared to accept in the future not only American assistance but also American advice in the manner of utilizing such credits and materials as the United States in the future may be prepared to provide.

Recent events and prevailing conditions in Free China suggest the urgent importance of more than mere credits and more than mere materials. Chungking circles with having recently enabled Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government to survive more than one serious internal crisis.

The encouragement lent by tangible American assistance was cited to me as the Generalissimo's strongest weapon against whisperings of the Chinese peace party, against the serious problems created by inflation and commodity hoarding and even against recalcitrant Chinese Communists who almost succeeded a few weeks ago in precipitating a large-scale civil war. While the seriousness of these internal dangers was great at times during the last quarter of 1940, there appears to be ample evidence that strong measures adopted by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek saved the situation for the time being, at least.

Russian Aid

Soviet Russia, America's principal partner in supplying material aid to China, slackened her efforts in this direction during the latter half of 1940 but this apparently was due more to Russia's own requirements resulting from the European situation than to any serious change in Sino-Russian relations. Moscow may have been motivated also by a desire to emphasize (through their temporary absence) the usefulness of various aviation and other technical missions which were withdrawn from China last year, but the best informed Chinese circles express satisfaction with the assistance Russia is extending now and apparently are confident of increased assistance in the future. There is no fear among Chinese leaders of a Russo-Japanese rapprochement which would interfere with this, and the latest remarks of the Soviet Ambassador at Chungking, whom I saw last week, tend to support this view.

Vast Improvement

From China's viewpoint, the international situation has undergone vast improvement in the last three months. The apparent turning of the tide in the European war to the detriment of the Axis position, the stronger policy in aid of both Britain and China, and the temporary absence of a Russo-Japanese rapprochement which would interfere with this, and the latest remarks of the Soviet Ambassador at Chungking, whom I saw last week, tend to support this view.

The vicissitudes of travel and traffic over the Burma Road, by the way, are typical of conditions prevalent to-day throughout Free China. Japanese bombers based in Indo-China had succeeded last week in again making impassable both bridges across the Mekong River. A foreigner who arrived at Chungking a few days ago, having driven from Lashio to Kunming, described the serious congestion of trucks which has resulted on both sides of the river. While the bridges are being repaired, a single ferry is carrying automobiles and heavily-laden trucks across the river. It is quite inadequate to the task but it is keeping a trickle of cargo moving both ways along the road, and while the work is going on, the bridges are being rushed under the direction of the Chinese military.

The traveller interviewed by the writer at Chungking said that Japanese bombing of the bridges, which eventually made them temporarily impassable, was far from accurate and that scarcely one bomb in a hundred had found its objective. The hills on both sides of the river were heavily marked with craters caused by bombs dropped inaccurately from Japanese planes attacking from high altitudes.

Foreigners who have studied the question of transport via the Burma Road seem to be unanimously of the opinion that the present system of transport and the existing measures for defending the vitally important bridges are both capable of vast improvement. As this road now provides the principal channel of trade between the United States and Free China, questions concerning it are expected to be among those claiming Mr. Currie's attention during his forthcoming visit.

TRAWLERS SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The sinking of two trawlers, *Relonzo* and *Luda Lady*, is announced in an Admiralty communiqué which adds that there is no loss of life in the *Luda Lady*.

ROME, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Stefani news agency reports from Vichy that Mr. Baudouin has been named President of the Administrative Council of the Bank of Indo-China.

CUBA'S BATISTA BEATS PLOT

Army Pledges Its Loyalty

HAVANA, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—President Batista, "Cuba's strong man," by swift dramatic action countered last night's attempt to overthrow him.

In sports clothes and accompanied by only two colonels, he drove to the Columbia camp and took command of the forces. He ordered General Assembly to be sounded and when all the troops had responded to the call, they pledged their loyalty to him.

He then explained his actions. Colonel Lopez Migoya has been appointed Chief of the Army; Colonel Galindez, Chief of the Army Staff; Colonel Gomez Casas, Chief of the Navy; Colonel Arguelles, Chief of the Navy Staff; and Colonel Benitez, Chief of the Police—appointments popular with the armed forces.

No Dictatorship

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—A vigorous denial that he is setting up a dictatorship in Cuba has been given by Colonel Batista, the President.

In a broadcast, he declared that he had taken the steps mentioned in the interests of a democratic government. He said that absolutely normal conditions now reign throughout the country. Therefore as soon as the crisis is past, suspension of constitutional guarantees will be revoked and civil liberties restored.

LATE NEWS

Nazi Hit And Run Raids Few Results

FROM PAGE ONE

brought down this month without loss to the British.

London Raids

LONDON, Feb. 4 (UP).—An air raid alarm was sounded in the London area at 7 p.m. after which the anti-aircraft guns threw up a heavy barrage. The alarm followed fine weather over the Straits of Dover. It was possible to see the cliffs between Boulogne and Calais.

At 8 p.m. raiders were over a West Midlands town.

Raiders were over Liverpool and another northwest town, as well as over the East Midlands.

The Air Ministry announced: "Small-scale attacks were carried out last night by aircraft of the Coastal Command on Brest followed by further attacks on the same scale just before dawn to-day."

Heroism In Retreat

Boulogne Street Fighting

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—After all brother officers had been killed or wounded, Captain J. C. W. Lewis, of the Welsh Guards, held the remnants of his company for 36 hours in the streets of Boulogne last May despite intense enemy fire until he too was wounded.

He was later captured—he was believed killed—but managed to escape. Capt Lewis is now awarded the D.S.O. for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

Heroism Of Torpedoed Mercantile Crews

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Thrilling stories of heroism and endurance for days in open boats by officers and men of the merchant navy after their ships had been torpedoed and bombed by enemy aircraft or attacked by mercantile raiders, are told in a special supplement of the "London Gazette."

One group of exhausted men spent 15 days afloat before being picked up, another ten days and another six days. All the men were short of food and remarkable feats of navigation were performed.

Throughout the official narratives run heart-breaking instances of signals of distress unheeded by passing ships. One able seaman, Sydney Herbert Light, who is awarded the George Medal, saved not only a boatload of men from his own torpedoed ship but took in tow and rescued a boatload of survivors from another sunken vessel.

Encouraged Men

When Light reached the second boat in the high seas, the occupants were about to give up the struggle. Light climbed aboard, massaged the exhausted men and bound those suffering from exposure with strips of blanket.

Another Reaches Port
 Meanwhile Captain Thomas Kippins, Light's skipper, took charge of the other boat containing 28 men, whom he brought to safety after 15 days. In heavy seas the boat was almost overturned. The men who fell overboard were rescued. The must, sails and several oars were lost. Several passing ships missed their signals. Nevertheless, despite weakness, cold and hardship, the boat reached safety.

Captain Kippins receives the O.B.E.

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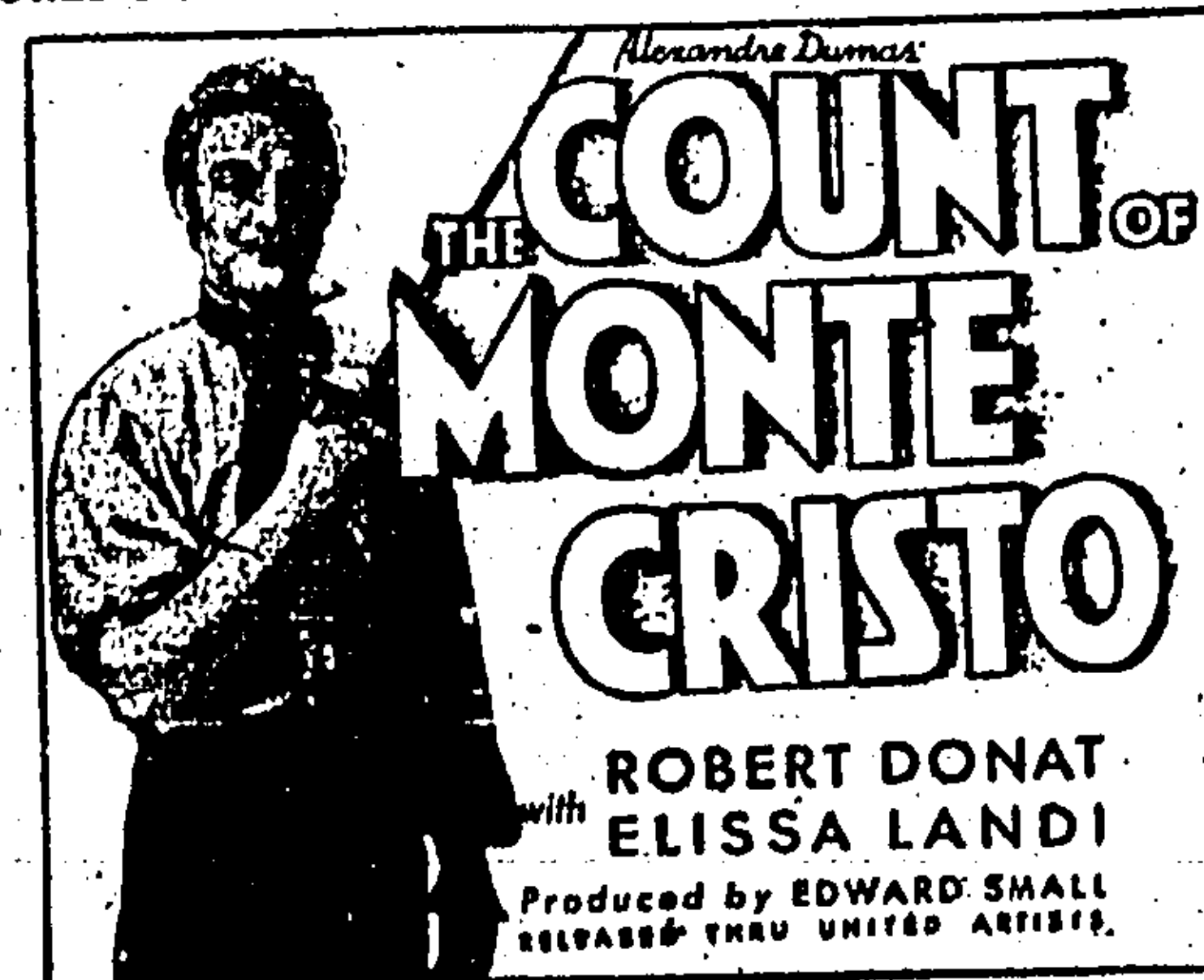
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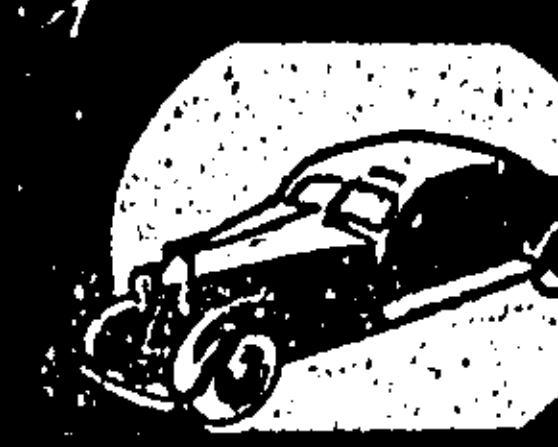
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UP). —The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, today confirmed reports that the U.S. Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson Johnson, will soon leave Chungking for a new assignment but he did not reveal the exact nature of the change.

He said that he did not know whether or not Mr. Johnson would come to Washington prior to his new assignment.

The White House declared that there would probably be no news regarding Mr. Johnson until a nomination was sent to the Senate, which would be on Thursday at the earliest.

Australia Approves
CANBERRA, Feb. 4 (UP). —The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, announced today that Australia had approved the exchange between Mr. Clarence Gauss and Mr. Nelson Johnson.

Shayuchung Occupied

Japanese Move In This Morning

The new movement by Japanese military forces in south-eastern Kwangtung, which started at dawn on Tuesday, was extended yesterday when Japanese troops garrisoned on Kowloon-Kwangtung frontier moved towards Shayuchung and occupied the town this morning.

This operation was forecast by the "Telegraph" more than a week ago.

"Domel" from Canton reports this morning that Japanese troops which landed southeast of Waichow early Tuesday morning entered Tamshui at 3.20 yesterday afternoon. It is also claimed that the border forces met Chinese troops in their movement towards Shayuchung and put the Chinese to flight after little fighting.

Japanese air units co-operated with the land forces and strafed Chinese positions and troops.

PASTOR NIEMOELLER
Said To Have Become Roman Catholic
BASLE, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —Martin Niemöller, the German Protestant pastor who became famous for resisting the Nazi conception of the state in relation to religion and who is now in a concentration camp, has become a Roman Catholic, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Bayerische Nachrichten".
The paper adds that Niemöller has been contemplating the step for some time. He was a U-boat commander in the last war. He was arrested by the Nazis in 1937.

ITALIANS FALL BACK ON TWO FRONTS: TEPELINI IN FLAMES

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —Big fires in Tepelini indicate that the Italians are preparing to leave and are destroying their stores, states the Athens radio quoting a Greek Press Ministry statement issued this evening.

The radio statement declares that Greek action continues to meet with success on the Albanian front despite very bad weather in the past three days. In the coastal area beyond Chimara, determined attacks ended in the occupation of a high mountain pass which the Italians had transformed into a powerful stronghold.

At another point, a surprise attack launched on Monday morning resulted in the capture of important positions, many prisoners and much booty.

Italian Alpine troops among the prisoners declared that their commanders had ordered all who retreated to be shot immediately.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

Italians Severely Harassed

CAIRO, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —R.A.F. bomber and fighter aircraft continue to attack enemy lines of communication on all fronts, states a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

The communique states that in Libya R.A.F. bombers raided Berka aerodrome at Benghazi last night and dropped bombs on aircraft dispersed on the ground. The bombs started large fires in several buildings.

The railway station at Barce was heavily attacked and motor transport was destroyed on the roads. British fighter aircraft throughout yesterday harassed the enemy by machine-gun attacks. At Siwa and Tuni (ten miles east of Barce), six separate attacks were made on troops withdrawing along the road. There were several casualties and between 20 and 30 vehicles were destroyed.

In Eritrea
In support of the Army's successful advance in Eritrea, R.A.F. aircraft continued to attack the enemy. During the operations, one Caproni 133 was destroyed.

The aerodrome at Guza suffered heavily as the result of a raid in which a number of direct hits were registered on buildings and nearby roads. From all these operations, one British aircraft failed to return.

Grounded Italian Planes
ZAROB, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —The aircraft of grounded Italian Air Force is described in an official statement here today.

On February 2, fighters destroyed a grounded Caproni bomber at Afmadi in Italian Somaliland. On February 3, South African bombers, escorted by fighters, made a low altitude bombing and machine-gunning attack at Gobwen aerodrome in Kenya. The fighters machine-gunned the grounded aircraft while the bombers dropped many heavy bombs and incendiaries.

Three Savoia 79's and one Caproni and one CR 42 were destroyed. All the South African planes returned safely.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —Two Italian prisoners on war have escaped from a detention camp at Rangarh. Both are officers.

Past Captured Town
(BY "REUTER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)
CAIRO, Feb. 4. —Driving west along the coast from Derna, British Imperial forces have captured the small town of Cyrene, about 130 miles from Benghazi.

It is believed that the British advanced forces have already gone past Cyrene. This seems to be indicated by mention in today's R.A.F. communique of British air attacks on enemy troops retreating along the road west of Cyrene, which was Marshal Graziani's headquarters when he planned to invade Egypt.

Brief messages received at General Wavell's headquarters in Cairo did not say whether the Italians had offered strong resistance at Cyrene. It is generally assumed that they held on till the last moment and fought a rearguard action when British pressure became too great.

Advance Into Abyssinia
With Few Casualties
NAIROBI, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —British Imperial troops advancing from Kenya have penetrated 60 miles into Mussolini's East African Empire.

A communique issued today states that British advance patrols are making good progress on all sections of the front and that a number of prisoners have been captured, with guns and ammunition.

British casualties were very slight. At some points, advanced patrols are well established 60 miles inside enemy territory. In this patrol activity, African troops are showing themselves more than a match for the enemy. Much of this activity is taking place over trackless country with its inherent climatic and geographical difficulties.

Irregulars Loot
NAIROBI, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —A campaign of terrorism is being conducted in southern Abyssinia, according to Abyssinian patriots who are coming to Kenya in increasing numbers for fresh supplies of rifles and ammunition.

These patriots say that Italian irregular troops, given a free hand by the Italians, have been murdering the peasants and stealing the stock. Italian native levies are reported to take the view that as the Italians will probably be defeated, they might as well collect booty while they have the chance.

Possible Keren Stand
CAIRO, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —Since the start of the offensive against Eritrea, British forces have advanced 150 miles and are now approaching the native town of Keren, about 70 miles up the railway from Asmara, capital of the colony.

The retreating Italians may possibly make a stand at Keren, though the town lacks strong defences and is strategically unsuited to withstanding any considerable attack. Further south, the Italian column driven out of Barentu is still on the run to the east, with British forces at their heels. They are withdrawing across mountainous country towards the main Asmara-Addis Ababa road at Adugi, 40 miles south of Asmara. A fair number of prisoners were captured when British advance parties TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Independent Ethiopia Aim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 4 (UP). —Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Minister, announced in the House of Commons today that the Government would welcome the re-appearance of an independent Ethiopia, and would recognize the claim of Haile Selassie to the throne.

Mr. Eden reaffirmed that Britain has no territorial ambitions in Ethiopia, and that the British military operations there would terminate as soon as the situation permits. He said Haile Selassie's assistance and guidance should be subject to international arrangement at the conclusion of peace.

Chungking Has Need Of Much More Aid From United States

(Mr. John R. Morris, Far Eastern Manager of "United Press," who is now in Hongkong after recent visits to Free China, Burma, Thailand, Malaya, the Philippines and Japan, has written the following story exclusively for the "Telegraph.")
Mr. Morris is now en route to his headquarters in Shanghai. He will sail by an American-President Line ship to-morrow.
By JOHN R. MORRIS
FAR EASTERN MANAGER.
"UNITED PRESS"
Free China, now in the fourth year of her war of resistance

JAPANESE LAND MORE TROOPS

New Moves In Indo-China

SAIGON, Feb. 4 (UP). —Unimpeachable sources reveal that the Japanese have landed 1,500 soldiers at Haiphong, bringing the total number of Japanese troops in Tonkin to between 10,000 and 11,000. The warships which brought the troops left today.

May Go Saigon
A reliable neutral source reports that an undisclosed number of Japanese troops, believed to be small, are expected to arrive in Saigon within the next two weeks, ostensibly in order to proceed to the border to see that the peace terms are carried out.

Joint Demonstration
Approximately 100 French and 100 Japanese sailors, accompanied by shrill trumpet tunes, this morning marched to the World War memorial and placed wreaths on the memorial, while a small crowd of curious natives watched them. This was the first joint Franco-Japanese parade in Saigon.

Time Limit For Peace Talks
THAI AND INDO-CHINA
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SAIGON, Feb. 4 (UP). —It is reliably reported that the time limit which the Armistice Commission set for the Thai-Indo-China peace negotiations at Tokyo is February 15. This limit can be changed if all three parties agree.

Sumita To Supervise
It is announced that General Sumita is leaving for Cambodia tomorrow in order to supervise both the Indo-China and Thai border forces in the carrying out of the armistice terms.

Diet Passes Bills
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 4 (Domel). —The first batch of legislative measures to be passed by both Diet Houses during the current session, the Military Service Law amendment bill, the Army police offence regulations amendment bill and the Navy police offence regulations amendment bill, were passed by the House of Representatives following a general meeting this afternoon as referred to it by the House of Peers.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY
Support Of China Re-Affirmed
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —In the House of Commons today, Mr. Geoffrey Le Mander asked if the Government would give an assurance that the Australian Army Minister's broadcast on January 12 at Singapore stating that Britain had no quarrel with Japan, implied that there was no change in Imperial policy as regards recognition and support for China in her struggle against Japanese imperialism.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Dominions, Mr. G. Shuckey, replied, "Yes, sir."
The Conservative, Mr. Robert Morgan, asked whether H.M. Government was not fully informed of the dissatisfaction felt in Britain with Japanese policy in relation to the Axis with the object of avoiding public official statements which may conflict with such a viewpoint.
Mr. Shuckey replied that it was the practice of His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom to communicate its concern and added that there was no divergence between the two governments as regards this matter.

Nazi Aid To U.K. Town Planning
Opportunity Not Disaster
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter). —"I don't believe that the air raid damage caused to buildings up to date would exceed or even reach one year's full building capacity of Britain."

This statement was made today by the famous economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, who added: "I should say that the buildings of this country are today worth more than they were in 1938. Damage of this kind is an opportunity. It is only when it gets beyond a certain point that it becomes a disaster."

"What has happened hitherto is opportunity and can go much further before it becomes a real disaster. He advocated five or ten programmes far exceeding repair of

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1.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A French Programme.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Studio—Talk on Ballet illustrated by gramophone records.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Latest Dance Music and Variety.

8.30 Studio—"Makers of Medicine" No. 1: "Diseases and Some Doctors who Fought Them."

Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 Antoin and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra with All Wellington at the Organ.

"Girl of the Golden West"—Selection; "Champagne Waltz"—Selection.

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches."

9.45 Vaughan-Williams—Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

10.0 John Ireland—Sonata for Cello and Piano.

1st Mov: Moderato e sostenuto, 2nd Mov: Poco Allegretto, 3rd Mov: Con moto e marcato, Antonin Sala (Cello) and John Ireland (Piano).

10.23 Quilter Song sung by Herbert Eldred (Tenor).

Go, Lovely Rose; Take, O Take Those Lips Away; Hey, Ho, The Wind and the Rain; Fill A Glass With Golden Wine.

10.32 Compositions of Elgar.

11.0 Close down.

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: No interest was shown in the market.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$70
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Entertainments \$7

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C. G. PERDUE,
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Steamships 11 n.

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Waterboms 7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves 98 n.

Docks (old) 18 n.

Docks (new) 17 n.

Providents 63 1/2 n.

Shal Dockyards 35 1/2 n.

MINING

Kallian s/ 18 n.

Ruhs 8 n.

H.K. Mines 1 1/4 n.

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Lands 4 1/2 Debentures 97 1/2 n.

Shal Lands S. S. 13.00 n.

Humphreys 7.95 n.

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Chinese Estates s. x. d. 98 n.

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Trams 18.30 n.

Peaks Trams (old) 7 1/2 n.

Peak Trams (new) 5 1/2 n.

Star Ferries 24 1/2 n.

Y. Ferries 24 1/2 n.

China Light (old) 6.30 n.

China Light (new) 10.74 n.

H.K. Electric (old) 40.34 n.

H.K. Electric (new) 30.34 n.

Macao Electric (old) 1.73 n.

Macao Electric (new) 1.63 n.

Sandakan Light 1.14 n.

Telephones (old) 25 1/2 n.

Telephones (new) 10.20 n.

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H.K. Ropes 9 1/2 n.

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THE POOR RELATION

IN his more eloquent days, Mussolini used often to proclaim the joy of living dangerously. A twin theme was the "degenerateness" of the democracies; only "young" nations such as Italy were fit to live and have a future. Actually, Fascism sits in the place—rather unworthily—of one of the oldest European civilisations, but that seems not to be considered by the Duce to be a contradiction in terms.

In considering the colossal humbug that is the Fascist State, it must be noted that this valiant-system, which was supposed to "glory" in war, has not only failed to distinguish itself therein, but also obviously wanted to get its share of the spoils without even fighting for them.

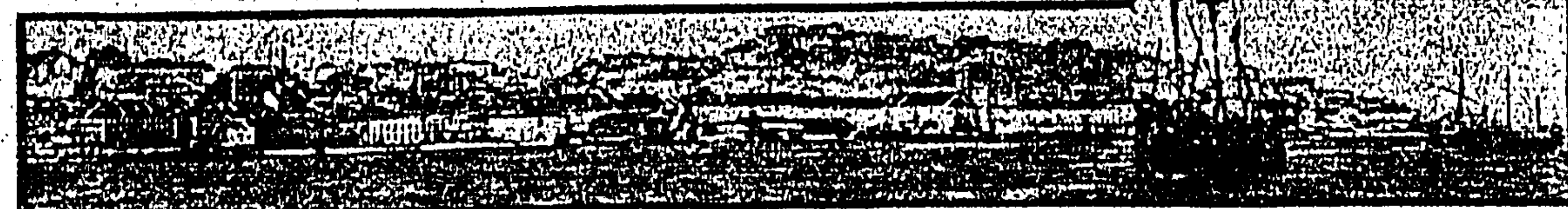
Mussolini's great moment came when France was down and out. In a manner that earned for him the contempt of all the world he sought to stab her in the back when she could not retaliate. If he hoped that a share of France's colonies would promptly be handed over to him, he has been sadly disillusioned. His soul-mate in Berlin has other ideas about that.

Mussolini also calculated that, with France out of the war, the surrender of Britain would come as a matter of course and in very short time. There would thus be two Empires for carving up, with, if not the lion's at least the jackal's share for Italy. That was another bitter disillusionment to the lesser dictator.

To compensate for these setbacks, he reckoned that Greece was to be had for the asking, and that thereby the "Mare nostrum" idea would be brought a little nearer to reality. Again the Duce's calculations were awry, and the Mediterranean, so far from being his sea, is more beset "with pitfall and with gin" for the Italians than it ever was. He has in fact well lost his own Empire.

It can scarcely be wondered at if Mussolini, looking at the map of Europe to-day, feels that his place in the Axis is merely that of the poor and tolerated relation.

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If you want to know how it feels to be on the edge of the world—and in danger of dropping into space—come to Lisbon.

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As Hitler goose-stepped across Europe, packing a kick in his outsize army boots, everybody who thinks the same as I do about Germans made for Lisbon—if he had the fare. They were of all nationalities, including non-Aryan Germans ready to take anybody's nationality.

HERE, then, is the edge of the world. The next thing is to drop off—unless you have the fare to America and can get a visa to that Land of Jordan.

So precarious is your grip on safe territory that even if you are British and have a birth-right of shelter in the homeland, you will find it difficult to get there.

Seaplanes have been seen leaving for England, but mailbags pay the highest freight, so unless you can post yourself or can claim priority in some other way you are just a name on a dog-eared waiting list.

Boats are said to leave the Tagus for English ports when the Ministry of Shipping recommends us, but we seldom see

them. They seem to be phantom ships, like the Flying Dutchman, seen on the horizon but never making port.

So here we remain, a motley crew, reputed millionaires mixing with their valets, diplomats giving away secrets from sheer boredom, journalists hoping for a bust-up to give them sustenance, and miscellaneous nobodies trying to be somebody.

Every week the Clipper leaves for America with those who have been able to save something from the wreck of their fortunes.

WE have had some singular instances of the war's cruelty to the wealthy.

A Rothschild deprived of his European fortunes had to scrub his own socks in the washbasin of an obscure hotel while waiting to get to America to obtain the few millions remaining to him.

A French perfume magnate found himself here among the backwash of the German in-

vasion with a mere £10,000 a year.

Then there was the sad-eyed, emaciated Croesus who married a beauty queen. They sun-bathed on the beach at Estoril, and made plans for a new life in the States. Then he disappeared, and was next heard of in prison in his native France.

Before the collapse of France he was making aeroplane engines, and the French Government had some questions to ask. So the long arm of the law reached out for him.

But most of this Legion of the Lost have no such weight of financial responsibility; they just have money trouble.

By HUGH MUIR

Actresses and dancers that once had their names in neon lights are merged with the anxious world of merchants, shopkeepers, diamond brokers, out-of-work Cabinet Ministers, dispossessed Polish landowners, helpless aristocrats and polyglot sirens with undulating figures and Paris clothes.

HOTEL lounges and bars are redolent of sauerkraut and spaghetti, for Nazi and Fascist agents pollute the sun-cleansed air of Portugal and abuse her liberal hospitality. They foregather in corners, reading their controlled newspapers.

The British, heavily outnumbered, but stoutly supported by the Americans and others on the winning side, mutter their thoughts into their whisky or pink gin.

The bars are the midday clearing house of the latest gossip. If you want to know what Hitler's next move will be you go into the Avenida Palace, order a drink, eat but they never complaisant and smile floor, and keep your ears open.

Then if you are not convinced you go to the Aviz, the Tivoli or one of the English bars down by the port where sea captains meet, and by a lot of work, for they have to keep then you know less than when you track of us and make us pay sojourn tax.

THE sea approach to Lisbon provides a wonderful sight. The sun is sure to be shining on its white, pink and blue buildings rising up and up on terraces, with palms, tamarisks and eucalyptus trees offering shade.

Ships of every size and rig fill the Tagus estuary. The Portuguese fleet will be moored there, and there is sure to be a United States cruiser or sloop.

As you come closer bright splashes of geranium and cyclamen in the public gardens add to the colour of the water front.

Happen on the city from the land side and it looks like a picture on the cover of a fairytale.

There are always flags flying, and the Castello de Sao Jorge, the great Moorish citadel high up above the town, is the Palace of the Fairy Prince.

People who knew Lisbon 15 years ago would no longer recognise it. Oliveira Salazar, the all-powerful Premier, has banished its squalor and made it spotless.

The Avenida da Liberdade is one of the finest thoroughfares in the world, and a magnificent sea road now takes you to the countless Atlantic beaches nearby.

To explore the city you get into one of the little Austin taxicabs that are always nearly running people over and you go switch-backing up and down the dangerously steep streets that climb over the volcanic hills on which Lisbon stands.

At night the romantic go up to the heights of Graca and whisper their love in the warm stillness, with lights of the city twinkling far below.

THE Portuguese are mostly tiny and unfailingly friendly; a blon people with big hearts. They would be plain were it not for their eyes, which are long-lashed and like black velvet.

Their thoughts are mostly of love, and the cafe terraces are crowded all day long with pocket Don Juans whose heads go from side to side, for no passing woman is unworthy of their notice.

Once, the Portuguese were the world's greatest navigators, but now they are homely and their wants are few.

Men of the humbler classes are happy if they have a new, trimly that is always too small for them, highly polished shoes and a spittoon.

All these foreigners sprawling over their country have increased the cost of living for the Portuguese, Avenida Palace, order a drink, eat but they never complaisant and smile floor, and keep your ears open.

THE security police are the only people who do not think much of us. We give them a lot of work, for they have to keep then you know less than when you track of us and make us pay sojourn tax.

Then there are some bad eggs among us that have to be watched. So the police would be glad to see the backs of all of us, so that they could get back to the good old Portugal and let their thoughts run to love.

PATCHES ARE THE FASHION

THE other day somebody in an official position, when urging us to save all we can, mentioned money usually spent on clothes in particular and told us that from now on we should take a pride in wearing old clothes. If we have to patch them, he said, patches should be regarded as a badge of honour.

And, after all, there is no reason why, in the course of fashion's changes, patched coats should not for a season become the correct wear. Aristocratic women used to deliberately wear little black patches on their faces. They probably originated in an attempt to conceal deformities, but when they became fashionable they were considered beautiful.

I have myself no objection to wearing old clothes. In fact, I rather like them. There are two great pleasures that men experience in the matter of dress. One is wearing a new and exquisitely-cut suit for the first time; another is wearing an old suit of the kind that wives and children try to steal and give away in charity.

Half the craze for wearing new clothes comes, I suspect, from the desire of self-advertisement.

When I first came to London, I sometimes wished I were better dressed. It was in the depths of winter and my overcoat was an old coat with an astrakhan collar, which had once belonged to another man. There were triangular rips in it here and there, and the buttons did not match, one of them being a trouser button, another black, and another bone-coloured.

I did not mind that; but unfortunately I had to look for work and see editors in pursuit of it; and I directed not appear in that coat in a Fleet Street office by daylight. As a result, I had always to wait for the fall of darkness before venturing to call on an editor for an interview. I felt that the rips on the shoulders would be all but invisible by artificial light.

This is not good for the morale, if, while you are interviewing an important person, you keep wondering

whether he has noticed that your coat is held together by a trouser button and three other buttons of different patterns; your cannot achieve that ease of manner and self-confidence that will impress him with the wisdom of making use of your services.

Now, however, all this will be changed. The well-dressed man who presents himself at an office in search of work will be automatically refused admission by the commissionaire. Men dressed as I once was in an old torn coat with an astrakhan collar will be welcomed with open arms and will be asked whether as a great favour they would be willing to take a seat on the board of directors.

And this new age of patches will not lack picturesqueness. I am inclined to think that a patched suit will make an even greater appeal to the artistic eye than the best-cut suit from a West-End tailor.

At the moment I happen to be wearing a very old suit which, unfortunately, is not at all picturesque. I was wearing it, however, at the beginning of the war, and I said to myself in one of those unreasonable moods that men have: "I will wear this suit till the war is over."

At that time, I confess, I was suffering from wishful thinking, and had no doubt that the war would be over fairly soon. Even so, I do not regret my decision. Every time I put the suit on I feel optimistic, since I regard it as essentially a victory suit.

When I wore it first I did not much care for the pattern of the cloth, but through long association I have grown quite fond of it. It has not yet had a patch—well, not more than a few smudges at one of the elbows—but a patch or two, when they become necessary will, I think, improve it.

After all the real objection to patched clothes has always been, not that they are ugly or uncomfortable, but that they are not respectable.

Now that they have become respectable, there is not a single fault to be found with them.

Call your old suit Old Faithful, and you will begin to feel quite sentimental about it.

ROBERT LYND



"There is a Tide in the Affairs of Men"
AS THEY SEE IT ABROAD (Victoria "Daily Times")

FRENCH CABINET MOVES

New Set-Up Includes Laval

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Minister of Marine, reached Vichy from Paris to-night and conferred immediately with Marshal Petain.

It is believed in Vichy that he will return to Paris "shortly"—probably to-morrow or Thursday—to "inform other parties in the negotiations there of the Marshal's attitude," presumably towards the reinstatement of Laval.

Earlier reports had said that Laval was expected to reach a decision about the reinstatement of Laval in the next few days, says a Geneva despatch to the official German news agency.

Laval considers it necessary, if he is recalled to the Government, to be given "far-reaching powers," says the despatch.

Meanwhile, M. Paul Badoin, who was Marshal Petain's first Foreign Minister and afterwards Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, is stated to have been given a new post. This, according to the German news agency, is the presidency of the Administrative Council of the Bank of Indo-China.

Warning To France
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—A warning to France not to place her hopes in a British victory was broadcast in French by the German radio station at Stuttgart to-night.

The speaker said that such an attitude showed "inexcusable frivolity bordering on high treason" and added: "Unless all Frenchmen make up their minds to carry out without delay the readjustment indispensable in the political, economic and social spheres, the difficulties under which France is labouring, far from being relieved, will worsen—possibly with disastrous results."

Decision Soon
LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Vichy

Chinese Claim Debacle Of Enemy In Honan

LOYANG, Feb. 4 (Central News).—Chinese strategy has turned the Japanese offensive in south Honan into a debacle with enemy casualties of 20,000 approximately. Large quantities of Japanese arms and ammunition were captured.

The Chinese success is understood to be the greatest since the turn of the year.

The Japanese force of about 100,000 men is said to have been encircled and subject to a counter-offensive.

Wuyang, Siping, Shanghsien, Pacanyi, (south of Yehhsien), Tushuchen, (north of Fangcheng) and other strategic points which the Chinese abandoned in order to entice the Japanese to penetrate deep into south Honan, were successively recaptured by the Chinese.

The Japanese troops at Sinyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway launched an offensive on January 14 in four columns. One column pushed northward along the railway line, entering Mingkan, Kioshan, Chumafan and Siping. It was subjected to annihilating attacks by the Chinese on the way and was drawn further northward to Siping.

A second column pushed northward to the east of the railway, taking Wuyang, Juinan, and Shanghsien. From Shanghsien this column made an attack at Chowkinkow but was repulsed.

A third column pushed northward to the west of the railway. After passing through Hoshangtsien, Hingchwang, it attacked Shanghsien.

A fourth column drove westward from Sinyang to Tungpai and turned northward to the neighbourhood of Miyang to attack Shanghsien. On January 20 some Japanese troops from Siping and Siping reached Wuyang.

After trapping the Japanese, the Chinese started a general counter-offensive with the aid of local self-defence units. The Japanese were surprised into confusion.

Chungking Appointments

CHUNGKING, Feb. 5 (Central News).—The Executive Yuan announced the following appointments yesterday: Mr. Yin Jen-hsien, Director of the Public Loans Department of the Ministry of Finance, succeeding Mr. Tao Chang-shan who is transferred. Mr. Li Wei, Councillor of the Commission on Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs.

Mr. Li Huan member of the same Commission, succeeding Mr. Liu Chin-hsien.

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—On the recommendation of General Sir Archibald Wavell, Acting Brigadier A. R. Chater, of the Royal Marines, has been appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath in recognition of his distinguished services in defending British Somaliland.



WAR IN HOLY LAND—Black smoke pours in a huge cloud from burning oil tanks set afire in Haifa, Palestine, by Italian bombing planes. Thirty Moslems were killed and 58 wounded. Bomb fragments damaged mosque and cemetery, foreground.

Japanese Precautions Against Espionage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (Domel).—The proposed national defence security act is aimed at extirpating alien espionage activities in Japan instead of controlling the Japanese people, a spokesman of the War Office told the House of Representatives' committee dealing with the national defence security bill to-day.

Admitting considerable anxiety over the manner in which the new act may be enforced, the War Office spokesman urged the "inevitable necessity" of preventing alien espionage intrusions.

"Frankly speaking, since the Manchurian Incident there have in fact been occasions when national opinion was divided. While the Diet and the military were militating against each other, financial cliques pursued private interests regardless of the interests of the State. The internal dissensions thus entailed have given occasion to Communism and Liberalism to take advantage of the situation," the Army spokesman declared.

Asked whether the act is a temporary wartime legislation or a permanent one, the Minister of Justice, Lieut.-General Hasekura Yungawa, said that the act has been necessitated by the delicate international situation which is prevailing now and its necessity would not be lost unless the present international situation undergoes substantial changes.

Admitting the possibility of re-examining the act in future in case of substantial changes coming over the situation, the Justice Minister added that it was difficult to draw a

Natives Take Low Road

Tribe Sings "Loch Lomond"

Charles Wagley, Columbia University anthropologist, plodded 800 miles through Brazilian jungles to meet the naked Tapiap Indians who, he assumed, would grimace at him and speak in ugh-ugh language.

Instead, he found them singing Loch Lomond in English with a heavy Scotch burr.

That shocked him and he began investigating. At length he learned that a Scottish missionary, one of the three white men to visit the primitives in many years, had been there five years ahead of him.

"Loch Lomond" was—the missionary's favourite song and he had taught them the words, accent included.

Devised Shock

Wagley, 27, telling it now after his return from a jungle expedition, said he devised a shock for the next white visitor.

He taught the tribesmen to sing "Sidelwalks of New York" and "Mademoiselle From Armentiers."

Ex-King Carol's Marriage

No Record In London

Ex-King Carol of Rumania, now in Lisbon with Madame Magda Lupescu, is reported to have announced that he was married to her in London "some years ago"—but a search of Somerset House registers revealed no record of the marriage.

A Press Association reporter examined entries of marriages that have taken place during the past 20 years. Neither King Carol's name nor Madame Lupescu's was among them.

An official said, "There are no circumstances in which a marriage could take place in England and Wales without registration."

"A person might be married in a name other than his real one, but the assumed name would have to be one by which he was well known. Even then he might find it a rather difficult thing to do."

Ex-King Carol has often been in England. He was there in 1928 as Prince and Madame Lupescu was with him then. He was in the country again in 1930, 1937, and 1938.

Nazis Execute Paris Students

Several students were executed on the spot by the Germans during recent student demonstration in Paris, according to information received in London by the Free French News Agency.

The students are stated to have "made remarks to German soldiers." The demonstrations were referred to in a statement made in Berlin by M. Scapini, French delegate on the Armistice Commission, who said that "Germany did not take them seriously."

Football

Monthly Meeting Of Referees' Association

The monthly meeting of the Football Referees' Association was held at the Hotel Cecil last evening. Mr. H. Beard was in the chair, assisted by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

A proposal to request the Football Association to award referees and linesmen with souvenirs in the form of whistles and medals when officiating at senior and junior shield final and intercup games was shelved until more prosperous times.

Following a discussion on routine matters, R. S. M. Ford addressed the meeting on the conditions of soccer at Home. He dealt with the war demands on man-power and the consequent financial effect on some of the teams—which is some cases had meant the closing down of the Club for the duration.

Speculating on the future, he foresaw the difficulties of such Clubs when it came to re-opening after the war; their difficulty in competing with other Clubs that had maintained their nucleus of players throughout.

In summing up, the speaker said he was certain that there would be changes in control or presentation, but though the period to come may be difficult, it was everyone's duty to uphold the game to the level he had enjoyed during its period of peace.

C. S. C. C. Eleven

The First Division League Cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Civil Service for Saturday has been postponed to a later date.

The following will represent Civil Service in the Second Division against Indian R.C. at Sookunpoo: G. E. Strong, G. A. A. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, H. Parrott, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

F. A. Meetings

The League Management Committee of the Hongkong Football Association will hold a meeting on Friday, at 5.30 p.m., when the finals of the Lai Wah Cup and Sunday Herald Cup competitions will be arranged.

The Council of the Association will meet on Wednesday, February 12, to discuss the usual monthly items and to make the draw for the Second Rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions.

Winter Games In Japan

SAPPORO, Feb. 4 (Domel).—The winter games of the Japanese 11th National Athletic Meet commenced here to-day with a formal ceremony at 10 o'clock attended by 3,400 skaters and officials, while 50,000 packed the municipal stadium to witness the events.

Bulgarian Pro-Nazi Minister Resigns

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—M. Bagrianoff, the Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture, known for his Nazi sympathies, resigned this morning, according to a Sofia telegram.

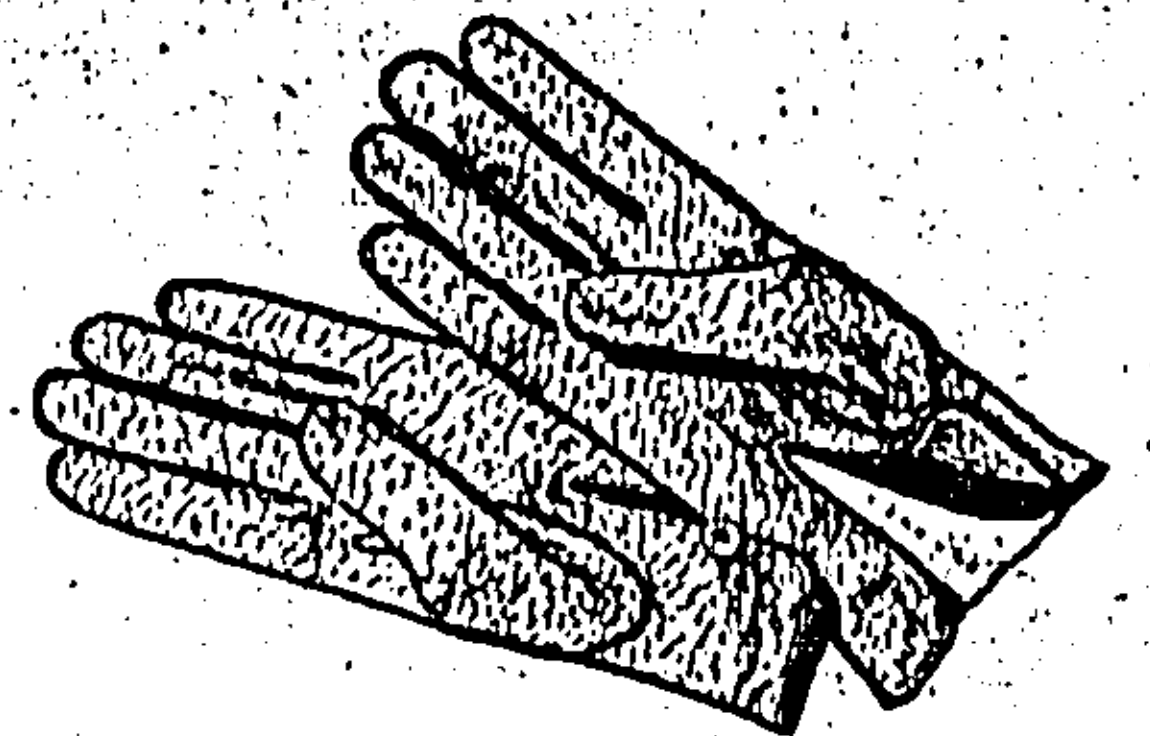
King Boris has accepted the resignation and his post has been taken over by M. Filoff, the Prime Minister.

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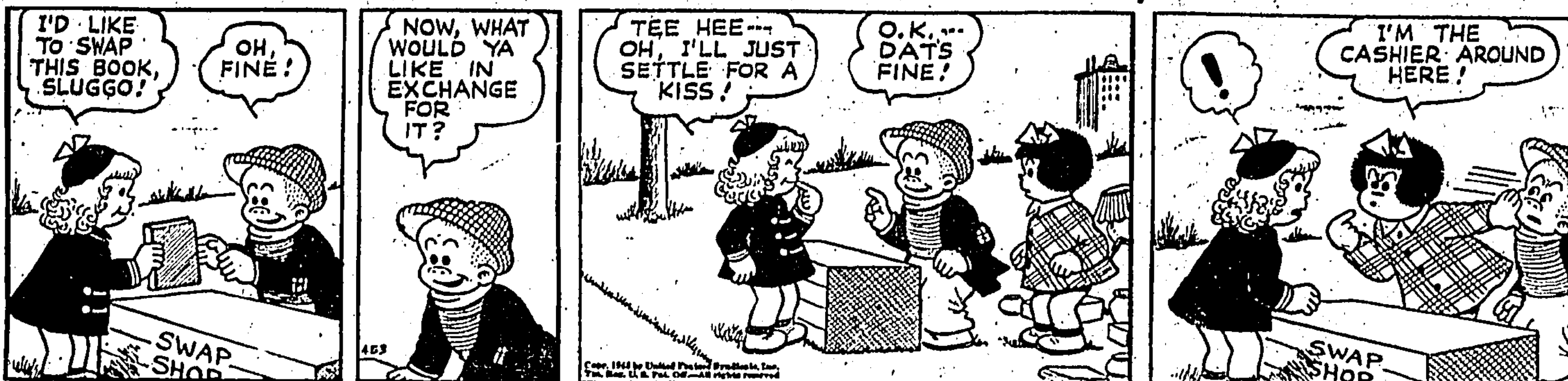
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NANCY



Fascist Gave Nazi Salute When Fined

Fined a total of £31 for lighting offences James Lloyd, late district representative of the British Union of Fascists, gave the Nazi salute as he left Uxbridge Police Court recently.

"Is this justice?" he shouted. Mr Horace Fenton, prosecuting, said that while a raid was in progress and planes were overhead two wardens saw a fire blazing in Lloyd's garden in Cornwall-road, Ruislip.

They climbed a fence and were going to put it out when Lloyd came running down the garden.

"Panicky"

He was very abusive and said, "You are panicky. You wait until there are 20,000 dive-bombers overhead."

With difficulty the wardens prevailed on him to get water to put the fire out. Then he flashed a torch on the sides of the house and into the air.

Home Guardman David James, of Hatherly-road, Ruislip Manor, said he rushed to the spot thinking the glow was caused by an incendiary bomb.

Lloyd, who pleaded guilty, said he had just moved into the house, and was burning up old rubbish.

"The fire had been going for three days, and I religiously put it out each night. Unfortunately on that particular night some paraffin paper caught fire."

"I used the torch to see my way through the bushes."

Army Service

"I am a member of the British Union of Fascists and the Link."

"In other words, you are anti-British," said Mr Fenton.

"I am pro-British. I would not have served in the Forces if I wasn't," retorted Lloyd.

Police-Serjt. Bentley said Lloyd had been dismissed from the Army last April because of his political views.

"I shall have to go to prison," exclaimed Lloyd, when he was fined. "I have two children and a wife to keep."

"Mountain Of Gold" In Eruption

Oldonyo Lengai, the "Mountain of Gold," the volcano sacred to the South African Masai tribes, has erupted, throwing out molten lava and red-hot ashes.

The countryside over a 30-mile radius in the northern province of Tanganyika has been scorched.

The Masai people hurriedly left their kraals and herds of cattle were burned to death.

The "Mountain of Gold" first erupted in January and March, 1917. No great destruction was caused.

Masai Belief

The Masai regard the mountain as the holy source of all blessing and benefits for the race.

The 1917 rumblings, the Masai believed, were due to lowing cattle which would come out from the mountain and make the tribesmen wealthy.

When the eruption died down, the Masai performed elaborate ceremonies at the foot of the mountain. After a pilgrimage with cattle and goats they poured blood and milk over the sacred soil.

The "Mountain of Gold" is very steep and difficult to climb, and the Masai have always refused to guide travellers to the "Pyramid of Beauty," as it is also known.

Far Eastern Seventh Day Adventists Meet

Thirty-five Seventh Day Adventists, six of whom are to attend the annual executive committee of the organization's Far Eastern division conference, arrived in Singapore from America recently.

This conference, which is held in Singapore at the same time every year to discuss the educational, medical, publishing, and evangelistic aspects of the organization as well as the budget for the next year, will last a fortnight.

By Ernie Bushmiller

CUBA'S BATISTA BEATS PLOT

Army Pledges Its Loyalty

HAVANA, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—President Batista, "Cuba's strong man," by swift dramatic action countered last night's attempt to overthrow him.

In sports clothes and accompanied by only two colonels, he drove to the Columbia camp and took command of the forces. He ordered General Assembly to be sounded and when all the troops had responded to the call, they pledged their loyalty to him.

He then explained his actions. Colonel Lopez Migoya has been appointed Chief of the Army; Colonel Galland, Chief of the Army Staff; Colonel Gomez Casas, Chief of the Navy; Colonel Argueta, Chief of the Navy Staff; and Colonel Benitez, Chief of the Police—appointments popular with the armed forces.

No Dictatorship
NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—A vigorous denial that he is setting up a dictatorship in Cuba has been given by Colonel Batista, the President.

In a broadcast, he declared that he had taken the steps mentioned in the interests of a democratic government. He said that absolutely normal conditions now reign throughout the country. Therefore as soon as the crisis is past, suspension of constitutional guarantees will be revoked and civil liberties restored.

Deposed Chiefs in Miami
MIAMI, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Jose Pedraza, the deposed Cuban Army Chief, and Estanislao Garcia, late chief of Police, have arrived here by plane from Cuba.

They are stated to have left with President Batista's approval.

FORMER THETIS HONOURED

Italian Sub. Destroyed

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Awards to officers and men of the submarine Thetis, for courage, skill and seamanship, announced in the "London Gazette," recall the recent destruction of an Italian submarine.

Lieutenant C. Crouch is given the D.S.O., Lieutenant Stevens got the D.S.C., while a number of the crew have received the D.S.M. or mentioned in despatches.

TRAWLERS SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The sinking of two trawlers, Relonzo and Luda Lady, is announced in an Admiralty communiqué which adds that there is no loss of life in the Luda Lady.

Willkie Sees De Valera

Tea With Royalty

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Immediately after returning from his lightning trip to Ireland, Mr Wendell Willkie had tea with the King and Queen.

Mr Willkie told "Reuter" that he had had a three hours' conversation with Mr Eamon de Valera to-day, during one of which he was alone with the Eire Prime Minister. He said that they had a frank and free discussion and he "got the information he wanted."

He also saw several members of the Eire Cabinet.

Great Leadership
Referring to the general conclusions he had reached in travelling about England, Mr Willkie said: "I think the people of these islands are most miserably fortunate in their leadership. Anyone who believes that the people are not united is labouring under a delusion. I doubt whether in history any man has been more ideally suited to his task than Churchill—with qualities of inspirational leadership, great comprehension, dauntless courage and long experience."

"I have talked to every member of a Government comprised of diverse political and economic beliefs, and I have never seen a more co-ordinated or a more cohesive group in the pursuit of a common aim."

He reiterated his opinion of Britain's miraculous leadership in one of the supreme critical moments of history. Other conclusions, he said, he was keeping for the United States.

He declined to talk about Irish bases and disclosed that he had not been invited to Germany.

Referring to his tour of the industrial area in northwest England, Mr Willkie said that he had collected a great deal of information about production methods and he described himself as "very fascinated" by the relations between the Government, labour and industry.

Bevin Boys Leave India For U.K.

Taking Technical Training
BOMBAY, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Mr M. S. A. Hydarli, Secretary of the Labour Department, to-day bade "God speed" to the first batch of Indian technicians going to the United Kingdom under the Bevin Scheme.

Mr Hydarli said that the quick and adequate response was a further instance of the common feeling of comradeship and added that the Raj's scheme to train 15,000 Indian technicians by March, 1942, was well under way.

Technical training institutions throughout the provinces are rapidly increasing and developing. Instructors are being secured and in this the United Kingdom is also helping, the Bevin Scheme being a part of this help.

While the Indian scheme contemplates training skilled technicians in thousands, the Bevin Scheme aims at more intensive training.

Arrangements for selecting a second batch of 50 are now in hand. If the experiment succeeds, other will follow.

MR. L. CURRIE'S ITINERARY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Feb. 4 (UP).—Well informed quarters say that Mr Lauchlin Currie is scheduled to reach Chungking on February 8 by C.N.A.C. plane from Hongkong.

After a brief stay, he is leaving via the Burma Road for Rangoon.

Major General Huang, Secretary General of the National Government Headquarters will be in charge of the reception.



SUPER-DEFENCE COUNCIL—Members of the new Office for Production Management for Defence, created by President Roosevelt. From left: William S. Knudsen, director; Sidney Hillman, associate director; Secretary of Navy Frank Knox and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, members. They have full authority to speed up national defence and aid to Britain.

British Offer to Moscow: Three-Point Programme

EVER since he went to Moscow Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador, has been attempting, in full agreement with the Foreign Office, to find ways and means of establishing something like a normal basis between the two countries, says "The Times" Diplomatic correspondent.

The Soviet Government were informed of the British decision to reopen the Burma Road before the decision was made public. M. Molotov's acknowledgment of the news seemed a trifle brief, as though the matter were of little concern to Moscow; but it was noticed that Soviet help to China, which had dwindled while the road was shut, increased again with the reopening of the road.

Further attempts to dispel misunderstanding, however, were met by the constant reply from Moscow that progress could hardly be made while Great Britain refused to recognise the inclusion of the Baltic States within the Soviet Union. If (asked Moscow) Great Britain and the Soviet Union cannot agree on small things, how could they be expected to agree on larger issues?

On October 22 Sir Stafford Cripps handed to Mr Vyshinski, chairman of the British Government put forward a comprehensive plan suggesting some principles which, if accepted, could lead to better understanding between the two Governments.

The British Government were prepared to give de facto recognition to the inclusion of the Baltic States within the Soviet frontiers; they were prepared to invite the Soviet Union to share as an equal partner in the peace conference—when, among many problems to be settled, there would be the formal status of the Baltic States; they were prepared to give an assurance that Great Britain would not join a bloc hostile to the Soviet Union and would not, in fact, be associated in any attack on the Soviet Union.

In return they asked for neutrality in the present war and for an undertaking that no anti-British propaganda would be conducted in British territory.

"Serious Consideration"

Mr Vyshinski demurred at the last point, suggesting that the undertaking about propaganda should not be left one-sided. When he received an assurance that the British Government would make it reciprocal, so as to cover both anti-British and anti-Soviet propaganda, and that the British Government were united in support of the whole memorandum, he said that it would be given the most serious consideration of his Government.

Soon afterwards came the news of M. Molotov's mission to Berlin. Moscow apparently believes that Great Britain gave something like de facto recognition of the absorption of the Baltic States some weeks ago when the British diplomats were withdrawn. Furthermore, Soviet diplomats argue that, as the war between Great Britain and Germany shows signs of ending, they gain nothing immediately from the British offer of a seat at the peace conference and of British neutrality during any attack on the Soviet Union.

So far the German methods of pecuniary diplomacy, coupled with the Nazis' cynical disregard for principles, seem to have recurred more gains than rebuffs from Moscow; but the more quietly presented British memorandum is still open for discussion between London and Moscow.

Year's Ten Big News Stories

A news story which has not been written—Soviet Russia's role in world events—is included in the annual United Press selection of the year's ten biggest news stories. The stories ranked first are President Roosevelt's third term re-election, followed by the Battle of Britain.

Earl Johnson, general manager of United Press, said:—"Our editors felt that if the facts about Russia's influence on world affairs were not shrouded by the official secrecy of censorship the story involved might be among the most important. The big thing we do not know about Russia is the extent of her influence on Tokyo's operations in the Far East and Germany's plans in the Balkans."

Other Stories

After the Battle of Britain, United Press lists the following news stories in the order given:—
The fall of France, Dunkirk, and the Battle of Oran;
American selective service and other measures for hemisphere defence, including the destroyers for bases trade;
German occupation of Norway, Denmark and the Low Countries;
Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis and the Japanese drive toward Indo-China;
Italy's abortive attempt to invade Greece;
Germany's diplomatic offensive in the Balkans, with the abdication of King Carol;
Italy's entrance into the war;
The enigma of Russia.

GRACIE TO STAR IN PLAY

GRACIE FIELDS is to star in a musical play which Monty Banks, her husband, is planning to put on in New York next Spring.

She will give half her salary to British war relief.

Meanwhile, she plans to make a concert tour in the United States under the auspices of the English-speaking Union for British war relief.

Empire Tour

After the play, which will be presented by her husband in collaboration with Max Gordon and Oscar Hammerstein, she will undertake an Empire tour.

It will include a visit to the United Kingdom, and will be entirely for charities and entertainment of the troops.

Gracie's recent Canadian tour was sensationally successful. The returns to date are approximately £75,000. Of this sum 75 per cent. will be for the Navy League for distribution in Britain, 25 per cent. being retained in Canada.

Gracie paid her own expenses on the tour.

Big Rail Crisis In Germany

TRANSPORT difficulties in Germany and German-occupied territory, because of a vital shortage of railway wagons, are revealed in reports just received.

Any severe shortage will mean not only a desperate situation for war transport, but also the hold-up, or complete stoppage, of work in factories which rely on a continuous supply of raw materials.

Unlike British railways, which have been maintained at the highest state of material efficiency, the German lines have been neglected and starved of renewals ever since the Nazi party came to power.

Results Of Neglect

Shortly before the war it was stated officially in Germany that £300,000,000 would have to be spent to bring the railways up to pre-Nazi standards of safety and efficiency.

The results of this neglect and the overloading of German railways through the demands of the tremendous Nazi war machine are now beginning to show themselves in accidents, broken-down railway wagons, and decreased efficiency of railway transport service.

Going-On In Shelters

Social Workers' Concern

TWO large air raid shelters in London's East End are causing considerable concern to social workers.

Both are dimly lighted, and policemen have now been drafted to the district to patrol the shelters throughout the night.

An East End social worker said:—"There are so many dark corners and other places in the shelters where the marshals cannot see what is going on that it became necessary to have policemen on patrol."

Asking For Trouble

Mr Basil Henriques, chairman of East London Juvenile Court, had something to say about the shelters during a case he dealt with recently.

A girl was said to be beyond the control of her parents.

Mr Henriques said that a young girl to go into a public shelter now without her parents is simply asking for trouble," commented Mr Henriques.

"The things that are going on in these shelters are very dreadful."

Saved By Human Chain In Flooded Shelter

Water flooded down into a London suburban air raid shelter one night when a bomb fractured the roof and also broke water mains. Many people were in the shelter, but because of their amazing coolness the casualties were not heavy, though a large death toll was at first feared.

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A.R.P. wardens, Home Guard, police and rescue parties quickly arrived, and took the rescued people to a large block of flats and other shelters nearby.

A small number of shelters were caught by the flooding, and throughout the night large rescue staffs were engaged in pumping water out.

Lost Belongings
"Most of our belongings were lost in the flood—gas masks, bags, bedding and blankets. Our only con-

cern was, however, to reach safety," said one of the rescued.

"We made a long human chain to the exit by holding each other."

Many of the people who emerged looked as though they were ascending from a coal mine.

One of them said: "We heard a terrific bang, followed by a big flash and all the lights went out."

"It was amazing how all the people behaved, especially when the cry came that water was coming through the roof. We could hear the water falling."

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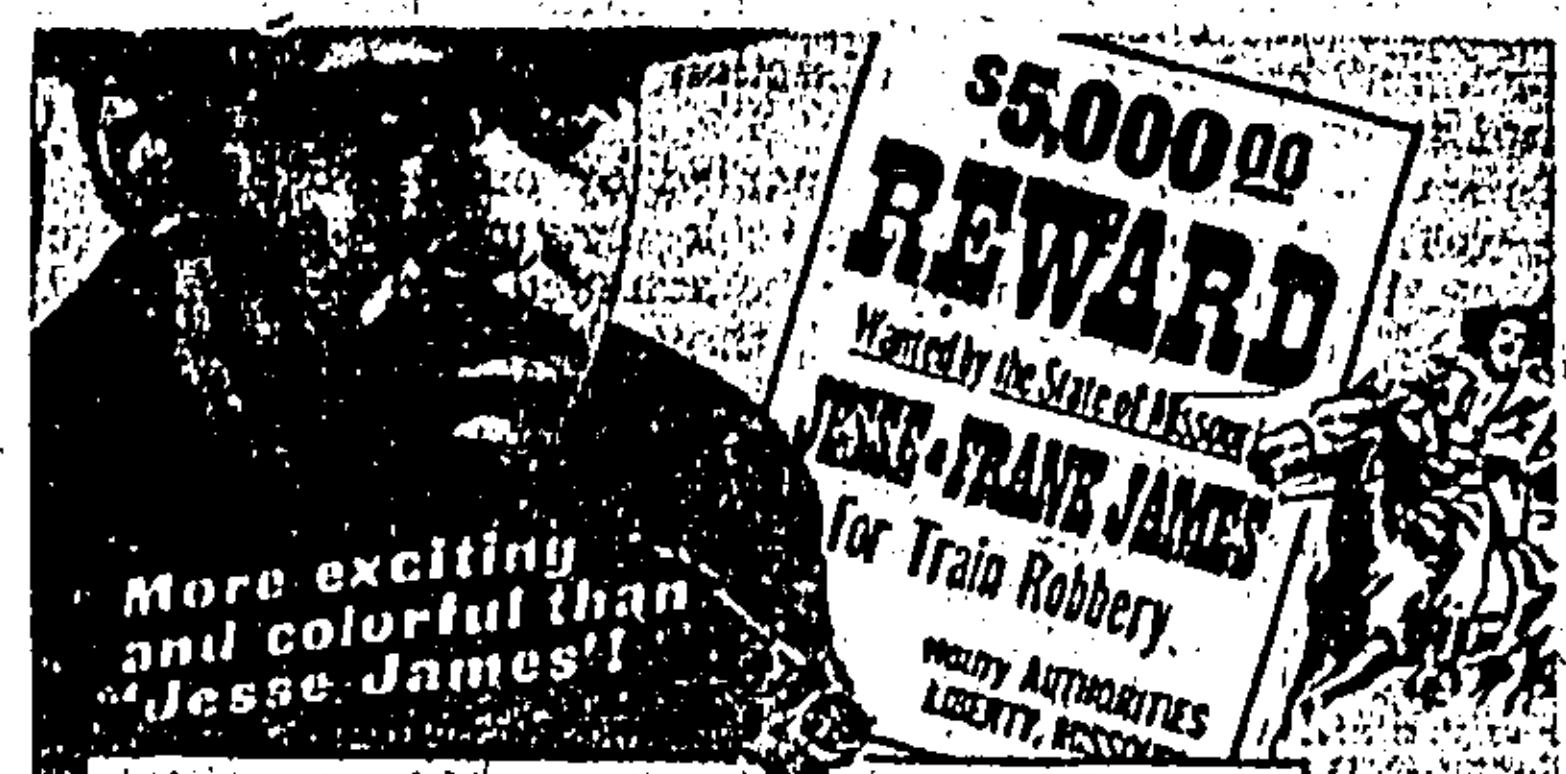
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Chungking Has Need Of Much More Aid

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urgent importance of more than mere credits and more than mere materials, although these alone are credited by informed Chungking circles with having recently enabled Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government to survive more than one serious internal crisis.

The encouragement lent by tangible American assistance was cited to me as the Generalissimo's strongest weapon against whisperings of the Chinese peace party, against the serious problems created by inflation and commodity hoarding and even against recalcitrant Chinese Communists who almost succeeded a few weeks ago in precipitating a large-scale civil war. While the seriousness of these internal dangers was great at times during the last quarter of 1940, there appears to be ample evidence that strong measures adopted by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek saved the situation for the time being, at least.

Russian Aid
Soviet Russia, America's principal partner in supplying material aid to China, slackened her efforts in this direction during the latter half of 1940 but this apparently was due more to Russia's own requirements resulting from the European situation than to any serious change in Sino-Russian relations. Moscow may have been motivated also by a desire to emphasize (through their temporary absence) the usefulness of various aviation and other technical missions which were withdrawn from China last year, but the best informed Chinese circles express satisfaction with the assistance Russia is extending now and apparently are confident of increased assistance in the future. There is no fear among Chinese leaders of a Russo-Japanese rapprochement which would interfere with this, and the latest remarks of the Soviet Ambassador at Chungking, whom I saw last week, tend to support this view.

Vast Improvement
From China's viewpoint, the international situation has undergone vast improvement in the last three months. The apparent turning of the tide in the European war to the detriment of the Axis position, the stronger policy in aid of both Britain and China adopted by the United States, the extension of additional American credits and the reopening of the Burma Road are the outstanding developments which have given the Chinese fresh hope and hardened their determination to reject Japanese peace offers.

The vicissitudes of travel and traffic over the Burma Road, by the way, are typical of conditions prevalent to-day throughout Free China. Japanese bombers based in Indo-China had succeeded last week in again making impossible by both bridges across the Mekong River. A foreigner who arrived at Chungking a few days ago, having driven from Lashio to Kunming, described the serious congestion of trucks which has resulted on both sides of the river. While the bridges are being repaired, a single ferry is carrying automobiles and heavily-laden trucks across the river. It is quite inadequate to the task but it is keeping a trickle of cargo moving both ways along the road, and meanwhile the work of repairing the bridges is being rushed under the direction of the Chinese military.

The traveller interviewed by the writer at Chungking said that Japanese bombing of the bridges, which eventually had made them temporarily impassable, was far from accurate and that scarcely one bomb in a hundred had found its objective. The hills on both sides of the river were heavily marked with craters caused by bombs dropped inaccurately from Japanese planes attacking from high altitudes.

Foreigners who have studied the question of transport via the Burma Road seem to be unanimously of the opinion that the present system of transport and the existing measures for defending the vitally important bridges are both capable of vast improvement. As this road now provides the principal channel of trade between the United States and Free China, questions concerning it are expected to be among those claiming Mr. Currie's attention during his forthcoming visit.

LATE NEWS

JAPANESE BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

May Yet Declare War On China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 4. (Domei).—The Japanese Government is contemplating the exercise of belligerent rights which will be invoked if the military deem it necessary, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, declared at the plenary session of the House of Representatives Budget Committee to-day.

Mr. Shinzo Tani had asked the Government how to deal with the supply of materials by third Powers to aid the Chiang Kai-shek regime, urging enforcement of "thorough-going measures" in invocation of belligerent rights.

The Foreign Minister added, however, that it was still under contemplation whether the exercise of belligerent rights would go to the extreme.

Asked by Mr. Yosuke Tsurumi whether the influence of Communists in China would not have malevolent effects even when an understanding reached between Nanking and the Chinese Government, Mr. Matsuoka said that it was because of this possibility that the Sino-Japanese basic treaty has provided for the stationing of troops on the Mongolian Frontier and in North China.

Questioned by the same interpellator, the Foreign Minister asserted that it was doubly important for operations against Chungking and for Japan's southward policy, to secure the understanding of the overseas Chinese in the South Seas. He claimed that the Chinese in the South were gradually realising Japan's aims and changing their past anti-Japanese attitude.

Publish Assets
Mr. Tsurumi suggested that recent aggravation of anti-Japanese feeling in the United States might be attributed to under-estimation of Japan's national resources. He asked whether it would not be possible to give definite figures indicating Japan's national resources.

The Foreign Minister reiterated that Japan's foreign policy in future would be conducted with the three-Power pact as its axis. It is rare that Japanese-American relations are so seriously affected by American illusion as nowadays, Mr. Matsuoka declared, adding that efforts would be continued hereafter to make clear to the American people Japan's true intentions, national strength, and especially the determination of the Japanese nation. "We hope to make clear to the American people the fact that our nation is firmly resolved to fight for the realisation of their great ideal."

The Foreign Minister agreed with the interpellator in the advisability of giving figures indicating the status of Japan.

Heroism In Retreat

Boulogne Street Fighting

LONDON, Feb. 4. (Reuter).—After all brother officers had been killed or wounded, Captain J. C. W. Lewis, of the Welsh Guards, held the remnants of his company for 36 hours in the streets of Boulogne last May, despite intense enemy fire until he too was wounded.

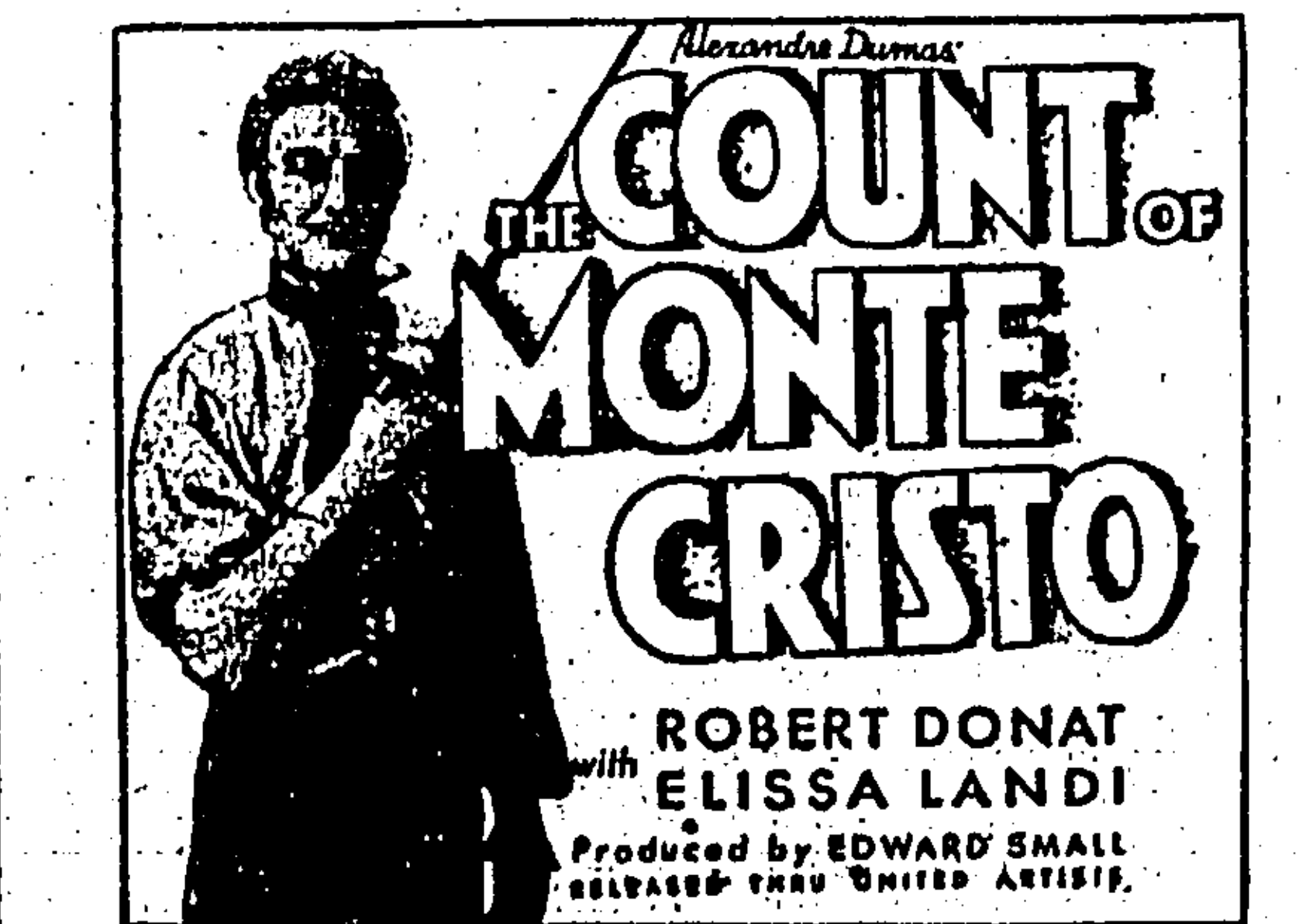
He was later captured—he was believed killed—but managed to escape. Capt Lewis is now awarded the D.S.O. for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

ROME, Feb. 4. (UP).—The Stefanel news agency reports from Vichy that M. Baudouin has been named President of the Administrative Council of the Bank of Indo-China.

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Nazi Hit And Run Raids Few Results

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brought down this month without loss to the British.

London Raids
LONDON, Feb. 4. (UP).—An air raid alarm was sounded in the London area at 7 p.m. after which the anti-aircraft guns threw up a heavy barrage. The alarm followed fine weather over the Straits of Dover. It was possible to see the cliffs between Boulogne and Calais.

At 8 p.m. raiders were over a West Midlands town.

At 8.40 p.m. the barrage in London was resumed after a lengthy lull. Raiders were over Liverpool and another north-west town, as well as over the East Midlands.

The "Air Ministry" announced: "Small-scale attacks were carried out last night by aircraft of the Coastal Command on Brest followed by further attacks on the same scale just before dawn to-day."

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cut off small groups of stragglers in the mountains.

Mule Tracks
The difficulty of making progress along the mule track which they have to follow has obliged the enemy to cut aside their surplus equipment, including a number of tanks and guns.

In northern Abyssinia, the Italians continue to retreat towards Gondar. They are putting obstacles in the way of the pursuing British forces, but it is learnt that these have reached a point some 30 miles from the Sudanese frontier.

Chinese Consular Changes

New Minister To Brazil

CHUNGKING, Feb. 5. (Central News).—Mr. Sunnei Suni Young (Hsiung Chung-chih), Minister to Brazil, was relieved of his post by the Executive Yuan yesterday.

Dr. Tan Shao-hua, Minister to Mexico, was transferred to succeed him. Mr. K. C. Ching (Cheng Tien-ku) was appointed to succeed Mr. Tan as Minister to Mexico.

Dr. Tan, a native of Toishan, Kwangtung, graduated from the University of Shanghai and the Chicago University. He was a member of the Treaty Commission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, senior secretary of the same Ministry, and then Minister to Mexico since February, 1937.

Mr. Ching, born in Kwangtung in 1890, attended the University of Chicago and the University of California, graduating from the latter in 1913. Upon returning to China, he joined the revolutionary movement and acted for a time as secretary to Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Later he was appointed Commissioner of Public Works in Canton, and was at the same time, Managing Director of the Star Leather Co., Tai Sing Copper Mill, and the Sand-Lime Brick Co. After resigning his Commissioner-ship, he became Dean of the College of Law and Political Science of the University of Kwangtung. At the same time he served as legal adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

After the formation of the National Government in Nanking, he was appointed Director of the Board of Customs of the Ministry of Finance in 1927. He was for a time secretary to the late Mr. Hu Han-min, ex-President of the Legislative Yuan.

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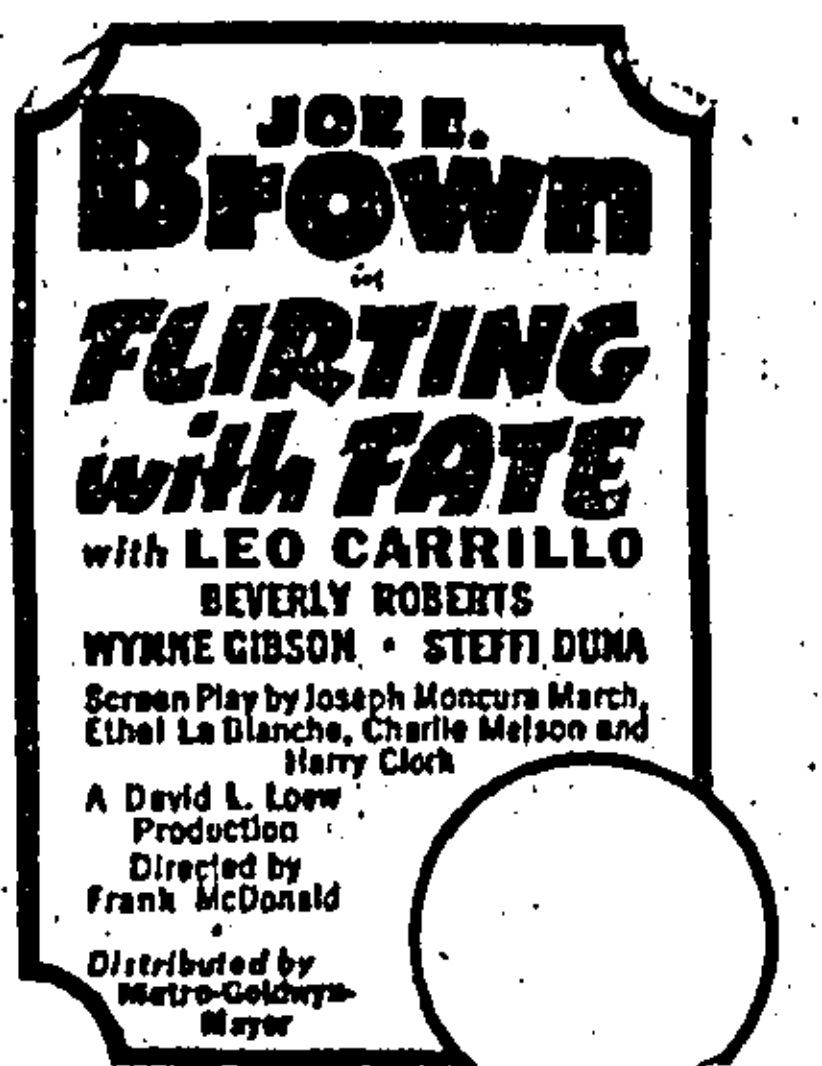
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7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."
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Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.
8.50 Antoin and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Hollington at the Organ.
Selection: "Champagne Waltz"—Selection.
9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches."
9.45 Vaughan-Williams—Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis.
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
10.0 John Ireland—Sonata for Cello and Piano.
1st Mov: Moderato e sostenuto, 2nd Mov: Poco largamente, 3rd Mov: Con moto e marcato, Antonio Sala (Cello) and John Ireland (Piano).
10.23 Quiliter Songs sung by Herbert Eldred (Tenor).
Co. Lovely: "Take, O Take Those Lips Away; Hey Ho, The Wind and the Rain; Fill A Glass With Golden Wine."
10.32 Compositions of Elgar.
11.0 Close down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: No interest was shown in the market.

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia \$76
Canton Ins. \$210
Union Ins. \$410
H.K. Fire Ins. \$105
Lights "O" \$9.10
Entertainments \$7

SELLERS

Providents \$5.75
Hotels \$3.60
Trams \$18.40
Star Ferries \$62
Lights "O" \$6.30
Electricity "O" \$40.75
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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C. G. PERDUE,

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By Order of the Board

W. F. SIMMONS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

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H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....81 n.

H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....85 n.

Chartered £.....87 1/2 n.

Mercantile, A. & B. £.....23 n.

Mercantile, C. £.....11 1/2 n.

East Asia £.....70 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons £.....210 n.

Unions £.....410 n.

China Underwriters £.....107 1/2 n.

H.K. Fire £.....107 1/2 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas £.....135 n.

Steamships £.....11 n.

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Indo-China £.....100 n.

Shell (Bearers) £.....44 1/2 n.

Waterboats £.....7 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves £.....98 n.

Docks (old) £.....18 n.

Docks (new) £.....17 n.

Providents £.....54 n.

Shai Dockyards £.....35 1/2 n.

Mining

Kallan £.....18 n.

Rubis £.....14 n.

H.K. Mines £.....14 n.

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Hotel £.....3.60 n.

Lands £.....34.35 n.

Lands 4% Debentures £.....07 1/2 n.

Shai Lands £.....13.00 n.

Shai Lands £.....7.95 n.

H.K. Realities £.....3.85 n.

Chinese Estates £.....98 n.

UTILITIES

Trams £.....18.30 n.

Peaks Trams (old) £.....7 1/2 n.

Peak Trams (new) £.....3 1/2 n.

Star Ferries £.....02 n.

Star Ferries £.....2.40 n.

China Lights (old) £.....1.07 1/2 n.

China Lights (new) £.....1.07 1/2 n.

H.K. Electric (old) £.....40 1/2 n.

H.K. Electric (new) £.....30 1/2 n.

Macro Electric (old) £.....17 1/2 n.

Macro Electric (new) £.....10 1/2 n.

Sandakan Lights £.....11 1/2 n.

Telephones (old) £.....25 1/2 n.

Telephones (new) £.....10.20 n.

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Canton Ice \$.....1 n.

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H.K. Ropes \$.....0 1/2 n.

Stores, &c.

Watsons \$.....10.20 n.

Lane Crawfords \$.....7 1/2 n.

Singcor \$.....2.15 n.

Wing On (H.K.) \$.....30 n.

Powell Ltd. \$.....1.00 n.

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Shai Cotton Sh. \$......203 n.

H.K. Govt. 4%.....09 1/2 n.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934).....02 1/2 n.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940).....02 1/2 n.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 OSBs.....42/47 n.

H.K. Entertainments \$.....7 b.

Constructions (old) \$.....1.65 n.

Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.

Victory Pilling \$.....7/8 n.

Marsmans Inv. (Low) \$.....7/8 n.

Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$.....7/8 n.

Solicitors Win Action Against Old Client

A suit for \$1,055.60, being the balance due for work done by the plaintiffs for the defendant, was brought by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors, against Dennis Victor, of the Lido Dancing Club, before the Chief Justice, Supreme Court this morning.

The claim was in respect of work done for the defendant at his request in Original Jurisdiction Action No. 440 of 1933, and for money paid by the plaintiffs as solicitors for the defendant at his request in respect of the said action.

Mr H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr D. B. Evans, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Victor appeared in person.

Mr Macnamara said that defendant, formally denied he owed plaintiffs any money, and alleged there was a verbal agreement by which the plaintiffs undertook to carry out the action for nothing except for out-of-pocket expenses.

Mr Tinson's Evidence

Mr G. C. N. Tinson, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, testified that he originally had conducted the case in October, 1933, and took instructions from the defendant. Witness denied having made any verbal agreement with the defendant to undertake the action on payment of out-of-pocket expenses. He had also never authorized Mr Evans to make any such agreement.

Cross-examined by Victor, Mr Tinson said that from October, 1933, to June, 1934, he himself handled the case without interference from anybody.

Mr Evans, in evidence, said that he took over Original Jurisdiction Action No. 440 of 1933 in June, 1934, from Mr Tinson. He saw Victor about the end of June and told him that the action had been set down for trial and that it would be necessary to brief Counsel. Victor told witness; and witness himself knew it to be a fact, that he was extremely hard up. Witness stressed the importance of raising money to pay Counsel's fees, as the action was not an easy one.

Witness spoke to Mr d'Almada concerning Victor's position and Mr d'Almada agreed to a brief fee of \$250.

At a later interview, Victor told witness he had managed to borrow \$200. Witness again saw Mr d'Almada and asked if he would accept the money on account, and Mr d'Almada agreed.

The Agreement

What defendant alleged about the verbal agreement was untrue, went on Mr Evans. "The way it happened was that having raised \$200 which he had borrowed, he told me it was impossible to raise any more. Having taken the action so far, I felt we could not let him be undeterred and I agreed that we would consent to act for him and that our profit costs should be paid at a later date, in instalments if he wanted to."

A series of letters were written to defendant, but there was no reply. Victor came to see witness and brought a cheque for \$200, which witness thought it was about \$200. Victor placed it on witness' table and he could do. Witness refused to accept the money in settlement and then, for the first time, Victor raised the suggestion about the verbal agreement. Witness denied it entirely.

Replying to Victor, Mr Evans denied he had said he would not charge him anything should the case be lost.

Not Worth Suing
Victor: You never thought of suing me?
Witness: I didn't think you were worth suing.

On what grounds?—I knew you had borrowed the money, I knew you had lost the action and that instalments had been refused by the plaintiff in that action. I also knew the money was not being paid, and I didn't think you were worth suing.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, Victor declared that Mr Evans had verbally agreed to defend his case if he could. Witness said he remembered distinctly that Mr Evans said he would take up the case on that basis. He was not disputing the present action because of the money involved, but because it was a matter of principle.

Victor agreed that after that action was over, he came into some money and could have afforded to pay the costs. He declared that he did not know he still owed Mr d'Almada \$50 until he was informed by his solicitors, Messrs d'Almada and Mason.

Cashier Testifies

Leung Hin-son, former cashier of the Lido Dance Hall, said that he lent Victor \$200 about seven years ago, when he accompanied defendant to the offices of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master. They saw Mr Evans there and Victor placed the money on Mr Evans' desk. Witness heard Mr Evans say to defendant, "Let me fight this case for you; I am sure to win. If I lose, I don't want a cent." Witness understood the \$200 was for Counsel's fees.

Delivering judgment, his Lordship said that defendant had undertaken the task of satisfying him that a solicitor of good standing was a party to the agreement alleged. The evidence showed that Mr Evans was in a position to bind his firm in any way to such an agreement, and there was nothing in the firm's records showing such an agreement. Defendant was therefore liable for the costs.

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GRACIE TO STAR IN PLAY

GRACIE FIELDS is to star in a musical play which Monty Banks, her husband, is planning to put on in New York next Spring.

She will give half her salary to British war relief. Meanwhile, she plans to make a concert tour in the United States under the auspices of the English-speaking Union for British war relief.

Empire Tour

After the play, which will be presented by her husband in collaboration with Max Gordon and Oscar Hammerstein, she will undertake an Empire tour. It will include a visit to the United Kingdom and will be entirely for charities and entertainment of the troops.

Gracie's recent Canadian tour was sensationally successful. The returns to date are approximately £75,000. Of this sum 75 per cent. will be for the Navy League for distribution in Britain, 25 per cent. being retained in Canada. Gracie paid her own expenses on the tour.

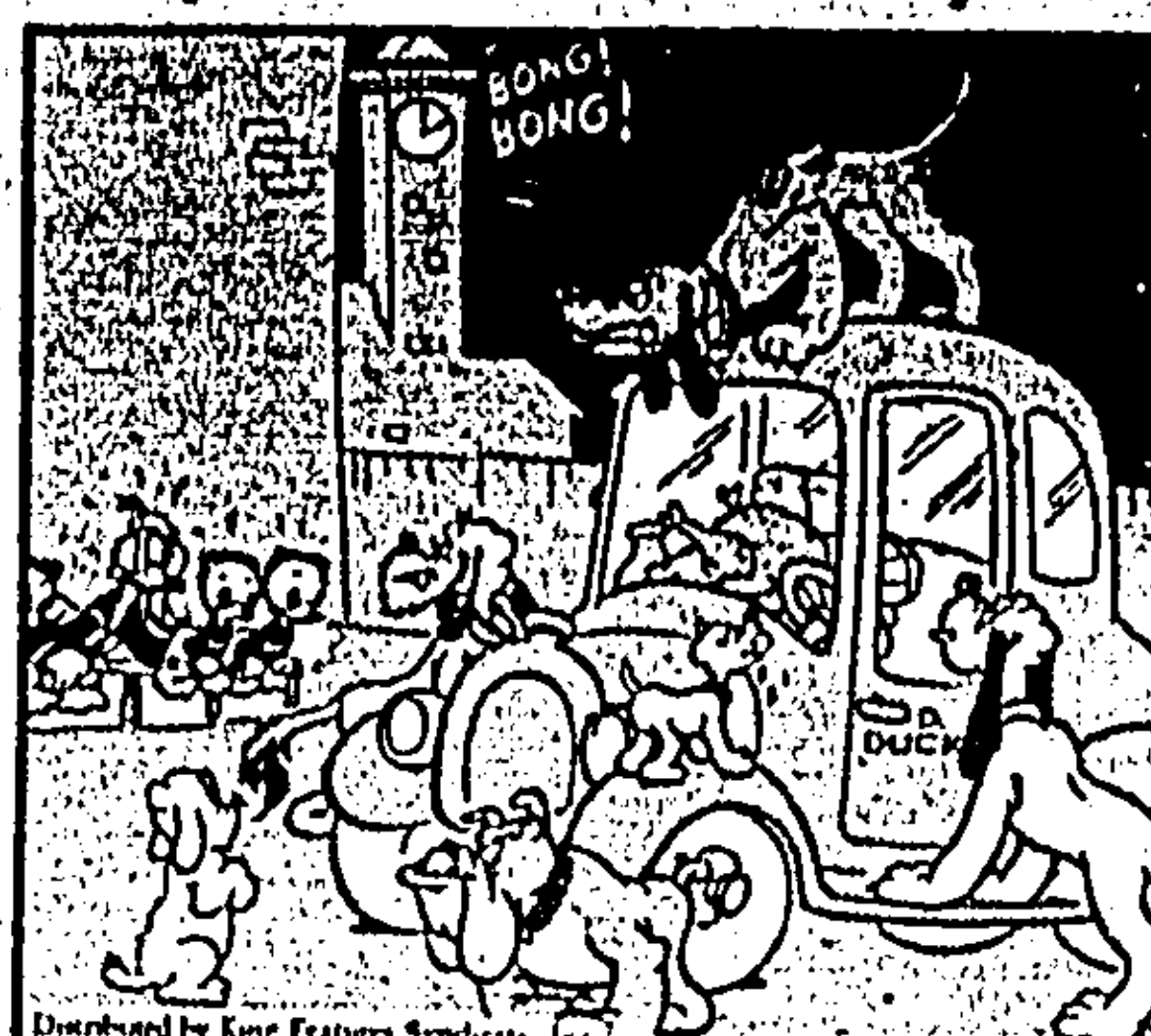
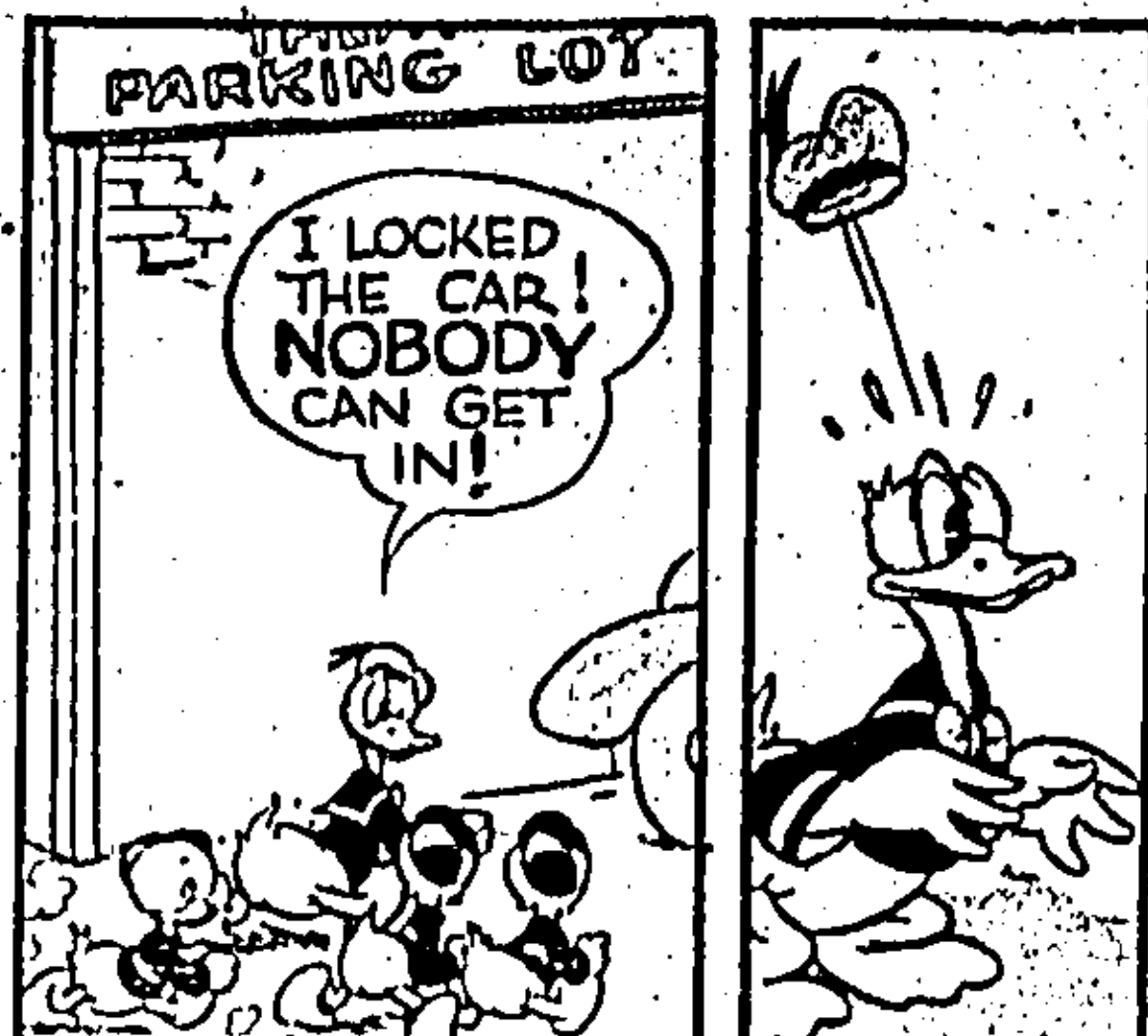
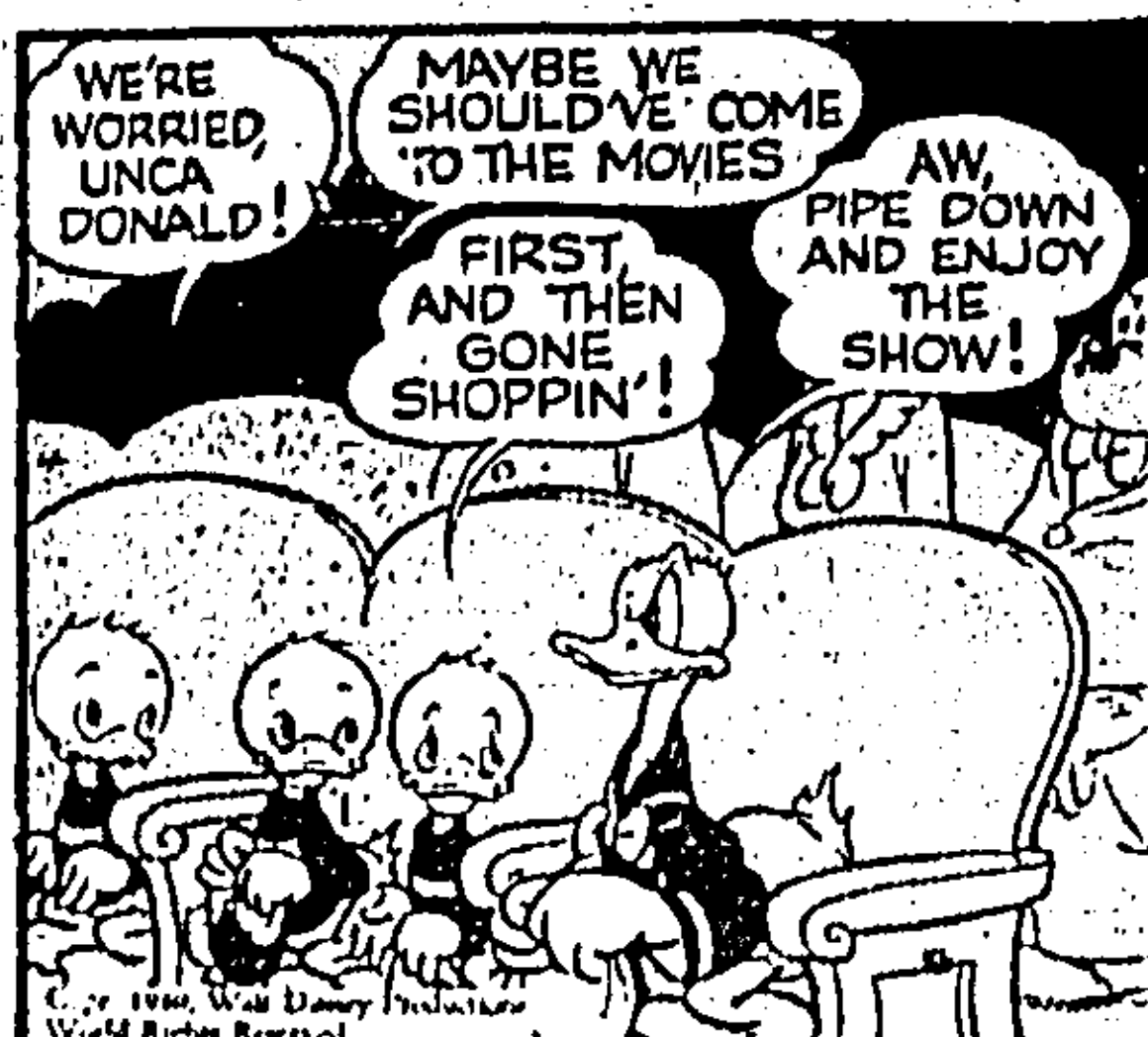
JAPANESE BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

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MUCH is heard just now of the phrase "People's War," and it is no piece of shallow rhetoric to declare that the army that is fighting to save Britain is in every way a People's Army.

When a man receives his call-up papers he is told that he is about to join the King's Army. Of course, it is the King's Army, in the old sense of the phrase. But it is also literally a People's Army—an army in which each man regards himself not as a conscript, but as one who has chosen the Army as a means of protecting himself and his own.

There is not a suspicion of press-gangery about this new Army. It is not a case of the Army conscripting a people for its own ends; it is more a case of a people investing the Army.

To any man who is going to join the Army I will say this:—"You are not going to be caught up in a merciless machine, which will either mould or break you. You will not have the liberty you had in civil life. But you will be treated as if you were a self-respecting British subject. You are not first of all a soldier who has been dragged from his home to serve the Army, but a citizen who is willing to defend his home by means of the Army."

Friendly Atmosphere

The atmosphere of the People's Army is friendly. The recruit finds himself under the charge of N.C.O.s who, not so long ago, were civilian clothes. For there are chances of promotion for everyone in this new Army. In short, the recruit is trained by men who know what it means to leave home and what the change from civilian to Army life means.

That has been my experience, and this atmosphere of friendliness is general in the Army. When the batch I was with was trained at the depot the first

AN INFANTRY SOLDIER

The V.C. Who Chased The Fuehrer With A Bayonet

I Had Hitler At My Mercy

THE man who on September 28, 1918, held Hitler at his bayonet point and let him go because Hitler was wounded in busy salvaging his home in Coventry.

It was destroyed in Hitler's maniac raid on the city.

Yet had it not been for this man Hitler would never have been alive to instigate his savage bombing.

This man is Henry Tandey, V.C., who at Menin with only nine men to help him held up for four days and eventually captured 16 enemy machine-guns.

Wants Second Chance

He took the crews prisoner except for those who ran away led by a wounded corporal. That corporal was Corporal Adolf Hitler.

Because he did not like to shoot a wounded man Henry Tandey let him go.

"But if I'd known who he'd turn out to be I'm damned if he'd have got off," Mr Tandey said to me, his arms bristling in his shirtsleeves.

"I'd give 10 years now to have had five minutes of clairvoyance then.

"Now, when I tried to get back in the Army to see he didn't escape a second time, they refused me because I had a game foot."

Then Mr Tandey, the only living N.C.O. with the right to wear the V.C., the D.C.M., the M.M. and the Mons Star, gave me the story of how he saved Hitler's life—and won his V.C.

"For several days I and my platoon had held up a large German contingent with our two small Lewis guns," he said.

"The Germans had sixteen machine-guns, but one by one we picked off the members of the gun crews.

"Eventually we decided to polish these Jerries off, so I rigged up a plank bridge for the others to get across and charge them."

"This 'rigging up the plank bridge' meant 15 minutes' cool work under a hail of machine-gun fire from the enemy.



Hitler at the height of his military career in the last war.

"Then we dashed across. Only nine of us made it. We were hopelessly outnumbered."

"So I told the boys to fix bayonets and charge. The Germans fled and we took about 37 prisoners."

For his outstanding bravery and his leadership in this exploit, Corporal Henry Tandey was awarded the V.C.

"The fleeing Jerries were led by a Corporal. I was going to pick him off but he was wounded and I didn't like to shoot at a wounded man."

Corporal Henry Tandey, V.C.—hero of the last war and one of Coventry's heroes, too—here for the first time tells Vivien Batchelor the amazing story of how he had Hitler at his mercy on the Western Front.

"When I see the helpless women and children up here that he has wounded I am sorry to God for my compunction."

Henry Tandey had no idea that the corporal was Adolf Hitler. He has never told this story before. It was Hitler himself who was the first to admit his identity—to Mr Chamberlain.

When Mr Chamberlain made his historic visit to Hitler's hideaway at Berchtesgaden he was shown a painting by Fortunino Matania of a 1918 battle scene at the Menin cross roads.

In the centre of the painting was Henry Tandey. "That man came so near to killing me that I thought that I should never see Germany again," Hitler said to Mr Chamberlain pointing to the central figure.

Tea For Wardens

"Providence saved me from such devilishly accurate fire as those English boys were aiming at us."

On his return to England Mr Chamberlain told this story to a colonel in the Green Howards, Henry Tandey's late regiment.

For the past sixteen years Henry Tandey has worked as a commissionaire in a Coventry factory. His rows of medal ribbons lend two splashes of colour to his dark blue uniform.

"And before the war is finished I hope to have the chance of adding a few more to them," he said.

With his wife he lived in a small house in Coke-street, Coventry, until Hitler's fateful raid.

"Fortunately my wife was with her sister in Lenington," he told me.

"I was alone at home making a cup of tea for some of the warden's. Just as I was pouring it all hell started popping. We rushed into the street and found the whole place alight."



Mr Tandey didn't salvage much of his own home.

He was too busy being a hero in Coke-street.

To no fewer than 12 blazing houses he rushed to rescue the trapped occupants. Fighting his way through the flames he dragged out half-suffocated women and children trapped in their cellars.

Everyone in the road is full of the heroism of Henry Tandey, V.C.

"Well, I had to do what I could. Everybody had to lend a hand," he said deprecatingly of his own night's work.

Token Of Esteem

But he has salvaged a clock. In the little room at his work which is now home to him since one of Hitler's bombs brought down his bedroom and kitchen it has a place of honour on the mantelpiece.

Inscribed on the clock is "L/Cpl. Tandey, V.C., D.C.M., M.M., Duke of Wellington's Regt, Old Comrades Association, as a token of esteem and comradeship, April, 1920."

"But now I reckon they would have esteemed it more if I'd bumped the blighter off," he laughed.

His one grief now is that they won't have him back in the Army.

But as I left him he fired one parting threat. "Just let him ever come over here. He's got an old score to settle with Commissioner Henry Tandey."

Duchess Of Kent And Greek War

EVERY night the Duchess of Kent anxiously awaits the B.B.C. news, according to a London report.

As 9 p.m. approaches she sits in front of the radio at her country home—and listens to the latest news of Greece.

In the morning she hurriedly reads the newspapers to see how the Greek Army is pushing back the Italians.

She frequently attends the Greek church to pray for victory.

When the war started she was one of the Greek colony who fervently sang the 1,000-year-old Greek hymn "Greet us victory against the barbarians."

But she keeps up with her work. She is a fully-trained nurse at University College Hospital.

And as commandant of the "Wrens" she is busy visiting centres all over Britain.

"Delighted"

"The Duchess is delighted at the news of the Greek successes," said one of her friends.

"I know she would be happy, when the time is due, to attend a service of thanksgiving."

"She is happy that things are going so well, but is anxious that any big celebrations should be postponed until a little later when affairs become more settled."

FRENCH CABINET MOVES

New Set-Up Includes Laval

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Minister of Marine, reached Vichy from Paris to-night and conferred immediately with Marshal Petain.

It is believed in Vichy that he will return to Paris "shortly"—probably to-morrow or Thursday—to "inform other parties in the negotiations there of the Marshal's attitude," presumably towards the reinstatement of Laval.

Earlier reports had said that Laval would accompany Admiral Darlan to Vichy, the Marshal having accepted the German demand for his reinstatement in the Cabinet.

These reports added that the Vichy Government would probably be eliminated.

Meanwhile, M. Paul Badoin, who was Marshal Petain's first Foreign Minister and afterwards Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, is stated to have been given a new post. This, according to the German news agency, is the presidency of the Administrative Council of the Bank of Indo-China.

Warning To France

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—A warning to France not to place her hopes in a British victory was broadcast in French by the German radio station at Stuttgart to-night.

The speaker said that such an attitude showed "inexcusable frivolity bordering on high treason" and added: "Unless all Frenchmen make up their minds to carry out without delay the readjustment indispensable in the political, economic and social spheres, the difficulties under which France is labouring, far from being relieved, will worsen—possibly with disastrous speed."

Decision Soon

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Vichy is expected to reach a decision about the reinstatement of Laval in the next few days, says a Geneva despatch to the official German news agency.

Laval considers it necessary, if he is recalled to the Government, to be given "far-reaching powers," says the despatch.

Unsuccessful Interview

VICHY, Feb. 4 (UP).—Admiral Darlan arrived from Paris by special train to-day and immediately went into a conference with Marshal Petain at the Hotel Duper, Marshal Petain called in M. Flandin and General Huntziger to discuss Admiral Darlan's findings.

It is understood that the first efforts to reconcile the Laval-Petain viewpoints were wholly unsuccessful, and that Admiral Darlan will soon return to Paris to keep the negotiations open in an endeavour to modify the Laval proposals.

Heroism In Retreat

Boulogne Street Fighting

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—After all brother officers had been killed or wounded, Captain J. C. W. Lewis, of the Welsh Guards, held the remnants of his company for 30 hours in the streets of Boulogne last May despite intense enemy fire until he too was wounded.

He was later captured—he was believed killed—but managed to escape. Capt Lewis is now awarded the D.S.O. for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

The following monthly donations to the War Fund were also received yesterday:

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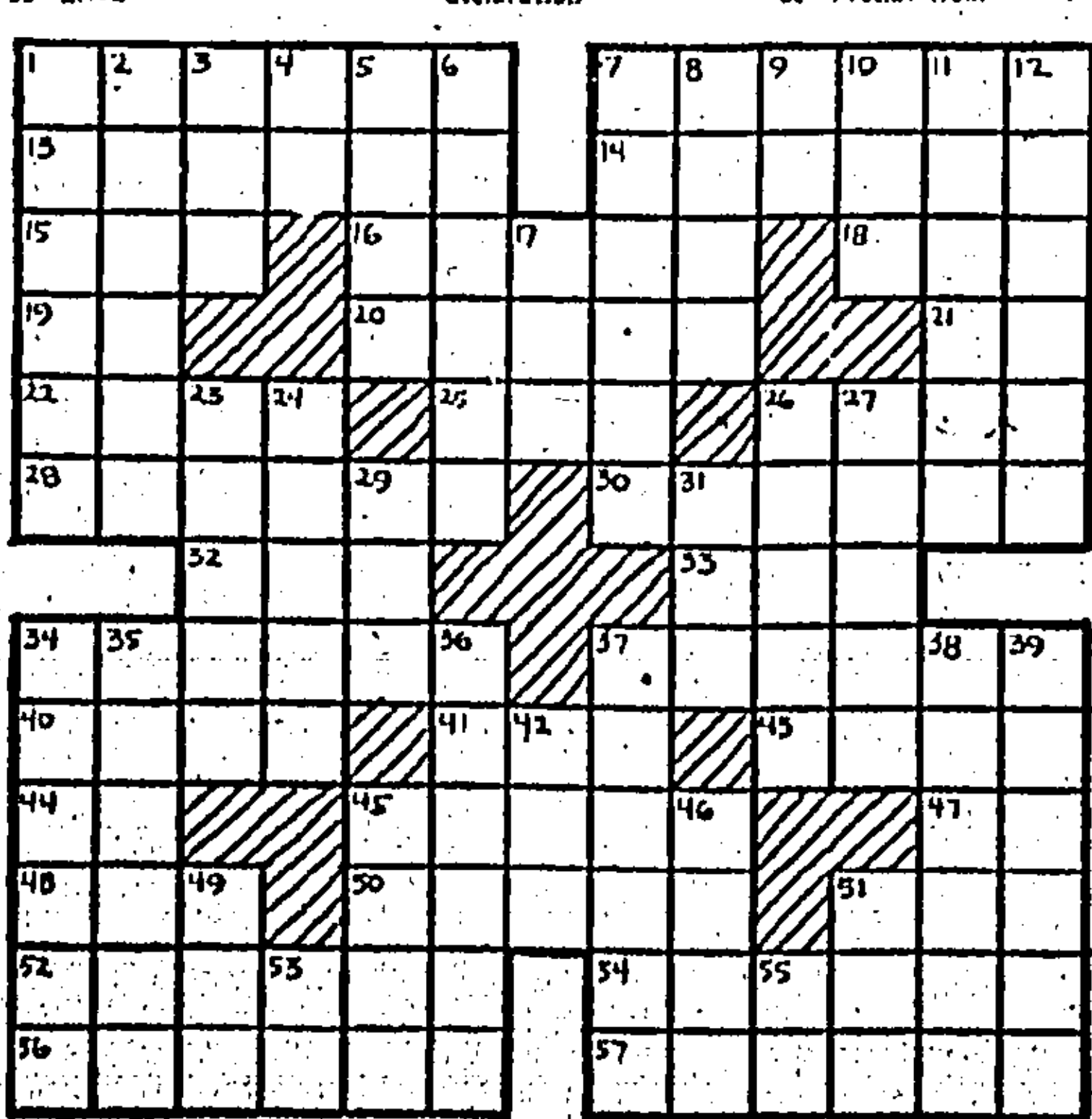
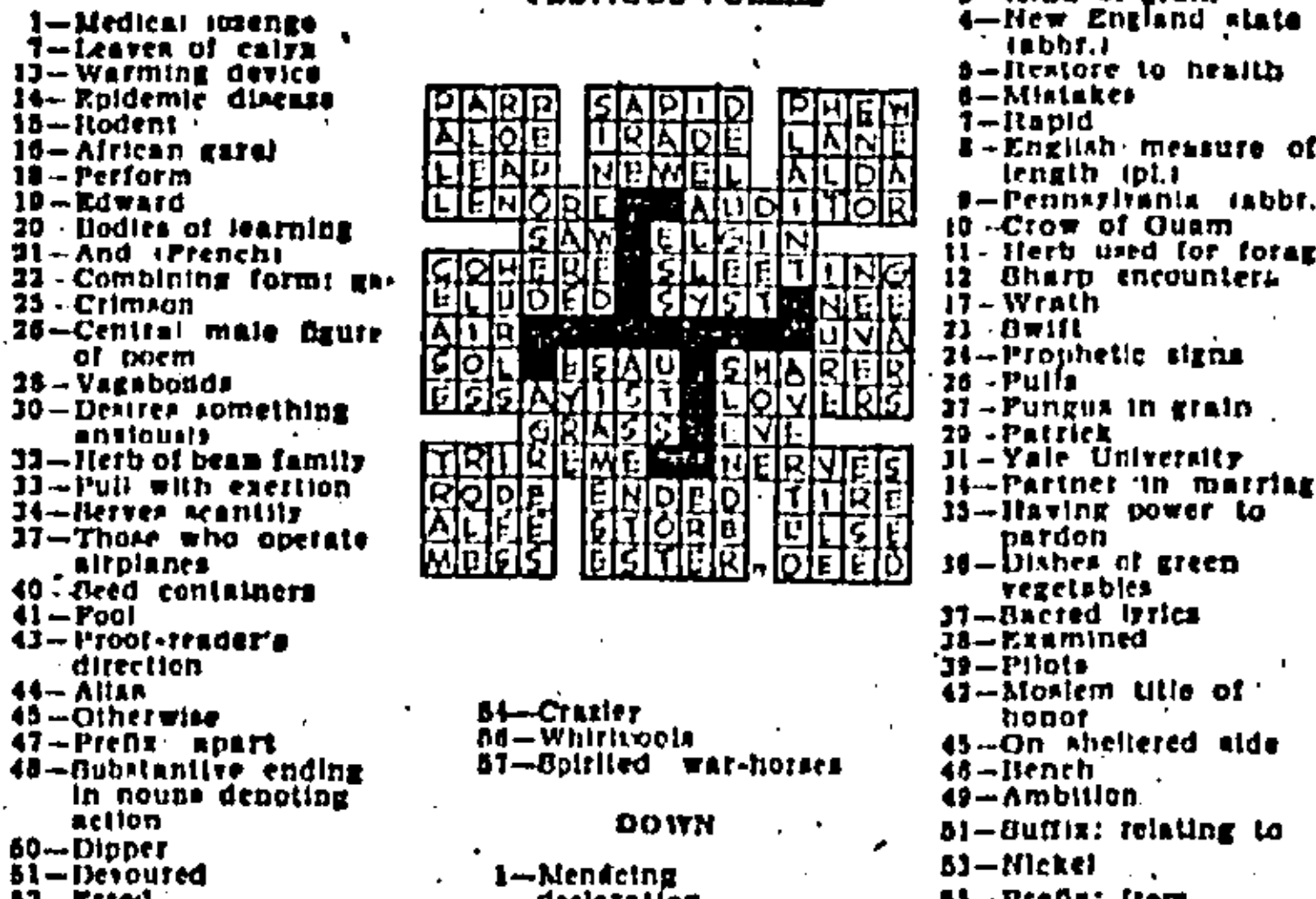
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THE POOR RELATION

IN his more eloquent days,
Mussolini used often to proclaim
the joy of living dangerously. A
twin theme was the "degenerateness"
of the democracies; only
"young" nations such as Italy
were fit to live and have a future.
Actually, Fascism sits in the
place—rather unworthily—of
one of the oldest European
civilisations, but that seems not
to be considered by the Duce to
be a contradiction in terms.

In considering the colossal
humbug that is the Fascist
State, it must be noted that this
valiant system, which was sup-
posed to glory in war, has not
only failed to distinguish itself
therein, but also obviously
wanted to get its share of the
spoils without even fighting for them.

Mussolini's great moment
came when France was down
and out. In a manner that
earned for him the contempt of
all the world he sought to stab
her in the back when she could
not retaliate. If he hoped that
a share of France's colonies
would promptly be handed over
to him, he has been sadly dis-
illusioned. His soul-mate in
Berlin has other ideas about
that.

Mussolini also calculated that,
with France out of the war, the
surrender of Britain would come
as a matter of course and in very
short time. There would thus
be two Empires for carving up,
with, if not the lion's at least the
jackal's share for Italy. That
was another bitter disillusion-
ment to the lesser dictator.

To compensate for these set-
backs, he reckoned that Greece
was to be had for the asking,
and that thereby the "Mare
nostrum" idea would be brought
a little nearer to reality. Again
the Duce's calculations were
awry, and the Mediterranean, so
far from being his sea, is more
beset "with pitfall and with gin"
for the Italians than it ever was.
He has in fact well nigh lost his
own Empire.

It can scarcely be wondered at
if Mussolini, looking at the map
of Europe to-day, feels that his
place in the Axis is more that
of the poor and tolerated rela-
tion.

Life Is Strange in



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If you want to know how
it feels to be on the edge
of the world—and in danger of
dropping into space—come to
Lisbon.

Westernmost capital of the
Continent, it is the resting place
of the caravans of the East.

As Hitler goose-stepped across
Europe, packing a kick in his
outside army boots, everybody
who thinks the same as I do
about Germans made for Lisbon
—if he had the fare. They were
of all nationalities, including
non-Aryan Germans ready to
take anybody's nationality.

HERE, then, is the edge of
the world. The next
thing is to drop off—unless you
have the fare to America and
can get a visa to that Land of
Jordan.

So precarious is your grip on
safe territory that even if you
are British and have a birth-
right of shelter in the homeland,
you will find it difficult to get
there.

Seaplanes have been seen leav-
ing for England, but mailbags
pay the highest freight, so un-
less you can post yourself or
can claim priority in some other
way you are just a name on a
dog-eared waiting list.

Boats are said to leave the
Tagus for English ports when
the Ministry of Shipping re-
members us, but we seldom see

them. They seem to be phan-
tom ships, like the Flying Dutch-
man, seen on the horizon but
never making port.

So here we remain, a motley
crew, reputed millionaires mix-
ing with their valets, diplomats
giving away secrets from sheer
boredom, journalists hoping for
a bust-up to give them susten-
ance, and miscellaneous nobodies
trying to be somebody.

Every week the Clipper leaves
for America with those who
have been able to save some-
thing from the wreck of their
fortunes.

WE have had some singu-
lar instances, of the
war's cruelty to the wealthy.

By HUGH MUIR

A Rothschild deprived of his
European fortunes had to scrub
his own socks in the washbasin
of an obscure hotel while wait-
ing to get to America to obtain
the few millions remaining to
him.

A French perfume magnate
found himself here among the
backwash of the German in-

vasion with a mere £10,000 a
year.

Then there was the sad-eyed,
emaciated Croesus who married
a beauty queen. They sun-
bathed on the beach at Estoril,
and made plans for a new life
in the States. Then he disap-
peared, and was next heard of
in prison in his native France.

Before the collapse of France
he was making aeroplane en-
gines, and the French Govern-
ment had some questions to ask.
So the long arm of the law
reached out for him.

But most of this Legion of
the Lost have no such weight
of financial responsibility; they
just have money trouble.

Actresses and dancers that
once had their names in neon
lights are merged with the
anxious world of merchants,
shopkeepers, diamond brokers,
out-of-work Cabinet Ministers,
dispossessed Polish landowners,
helpless aristocrats and polyglot
sirens with undulating figures
and Paris clothes.

HOTEL lounges and bars
are redolent of sauer-
kraut and spaghetti, for Nazi
and Fascist agents pollute the
sun-cleaned air of Portugal and
abuse her liberal hospitality.
They foregather in corners,
reading their controlled news-
papers.

The British, heavily out-numbered,
but stoutly supported by the Ameri-
cans and others on the winning side,
mutter their thoughts into their
whisky or pink gin.

The bars are the midday clearing
houses of the latest gossip.
If you want to know what Hitler's
next move will be you go into the
Avenida Palace, order a drink, eat
peanuts and throw the shells on
the floor, and keep your ears open.

Then if you are not convinced you
go to the Aviz, the Tivoli or one of
the English bars down by the port
where sea captains meet, and by a
track of us and make us pay sojourn
tax.

THE sea approach to Lisbon
provides a wonderful sight.
The sun is sure to be shining on
white, pink and blue buildings
rising up on terraces, with palms,
tamarisks and eucalyptus trees offer-
ing shade.

Ships of every size and rig fill the
Tagus estuary. The Portuguese fleet
will be moored there, and there is
sure to be a United States cruiser or
sloop.

As you come closer bright splashes
of geranium and cyclamen in the
public gardens add to the colour of
the winter front.

Happen on the city from the land
side and it looks like a picture on
the cover of a fairytale.

There are always flags flying, and
the Castelo de Sao Jorge, the great
Moorish citadel high up above the
town, is the Palace of the Fair
Prince.

People who knew Lisbon 15 years
ago would no longer recognise it.
Oliviera Salazar, the all-powerful
Premier, has banished its squalor
and made it spotless.

The Avenida da Liberdade is one
of the finest thoroughfares in the
world, and a magnificent sea road
now takes you to the countless At-
lantic beaches nearby.

To explore the city you get into
one of the little Austin taxicabs that
are always nearly running people
over and you go switch-backing up
and down the dangerously steep
streets that climb over the volcanic
hills on which Lisbon stands.
At night the romantic go up to the
heights of Graça and whisper their
love in the warm stillness, with the
lights of the city twinkling far be-
low.

THE Portuguese are mostly
tiny and unfailingly friendly;
a bilious people with big hearts. They
would be plain were it not for their
eyes, which are long-lashed and like
black velvet.

Their thoughts are mostly of love,
and the cafe terraces are crowded
all day long with pocket Don Juans
whose heads go from side to side,
for no passing woman is unworthy
of their notice.

Once, the Portuguese were the
world's greatest navigators, but now
they are homely and their wants are
few.

Men of the humbler classes are
happy if they have a new trilby
that is always too small for them,
highly polished shoes and a split-
toe.

All these foreigners sprawling
over their country have increased
the cost of living for the Portuguese,
Avenida Palace, order a drink, eat
peanuts and throw the shells on the
floor, and keep your ears open.

THE security police are the
only people who do not
think much of us. We give them
a lot of work, for they have to keep
track of us and make us pay sojourn
tax.

Then there are some bad eggs
among us that have to be watched.
So the police would be glad to see
the backs of all of us, so that they
could get back to the good old Por-
tuguese custom of taking things easy
and letting their thoughts run to
love.

PATCHES ARE THE FASHION

THE other day somebody in
an official position, when
urging us to save all we can,
mentioned money usually spent
on clothes in particular and told
us that from now on we should
take a pride in wearing old
clothes. If we have to patch
them, he said, patches should be
regarded as a badge of honour.

And, after all, there is no reason
why, in the course of fashion's
changes, patched coats should not
for a season become the correct wear.
Aristocratic women used to de-
liberately wear little black patches
on their faces. They probably
originated in an attempt to conceal
deformities, but when they became
fashionable they were considered
beautiful.

I have myself no objection to
wearing old clothes. In fact, I rather
like them. There are two great
pleasures that men experience in the
matter of dress. One is wearing a
new and exquisitely-cut suit for the
first time; another is wearing an old
suit of the kind that wives and chil-
dren try to steal and give away in
charity.

Half the craze for wearing new
clothes comes, I suspect, from the
desire of self-advertisement.

When I first came to London, I
sometimes wished I were better
dressed. It was in the depths of
winter and my overcoat was an old
coat with an astrakhan collar, which
had once belonged to another man.
There were triangular rips in it here
and there, and the buttons did not
match, one of them being a trouser
button, another black, and another
bone-coloured.

I did not mind that; but unfor-
tunately I had to look for work and
see editors in pursuit of it; and I
dared not appear in that coat in a
Fleet Street office by daylight. As a
result, I had always to wait for the
fall of darkness before venturing to
call on an editor for an interview. I
felt that the rips on the shoulder
would be all but invisible by artifi-
cial light.

This is not good for the morale.
If, while you are interviewing an im-
portant person, you keep wondering

whether he has noticed that your
coat is held together by a trouser-
button and three other buttons of
different patterns, you cannot achieve
that ease of manner and self-con-
fidence that will impress him with
the wisdom of making use of your
services.

Now, however, all this will be
changed. The well-dressed man who
presents himself at an office in
search of work will be automatically
refused admission by the commis-
sionaire. Men dressed as I once was
in an old torn coat with an astrakhan
collar will be welcomed with open
arms and will be asked whether as
a great favour they would be will-
ing to take a seat on the board of
directors.

And this new age of patches will
not lack picturesque quality. I am in-
clined to think that a patched suit
will make an even greater appeal to
the artistic eye than the best-cut suit
from a West-End tailor.

At the moment I happen to be
wearing a very old suit which, un-
fortunately, is not at all picturesque.
I was wearing it, however, at the
beginning of the war, and I said to
myself in one of those unreasonable
moods that men have: "I will wear
this suit till the war is over."

At that time, I confess, I was suf-
fering from wishful thinking, and
had no doubt that the war would be
over fairly soon. Even so, I do not
regret my decision. Every time I
put the suit on I feel optimistic, since
I regard it as essentially a victory
suit.

When I wore it first I did not
much care for the pattern of the
cloth, but through long association I
have grown quite fond of it. It has
not yet had a patch—nothing more
than a few stitches at one of the
elbows—but a patch or two, when
they become necessary will, I think,
improve it.

After all the real objection to
patched clothes has always been, not
that they are ugly or uncomfortable,
but that they are not respectable.

Now that they have become re-
spectable, there is not a single fault
to be found with them.

Call your old suit Old Faithful,
and you will begin to feel quite
sentimental about it.

ROBERT LYND



"There is a Tide in the Affairs of Man"
AS THEY SEE IT ABROAD. (Victoria "Daily Times")

Japanese Precautions Against Espionage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (Domei).—The proposed national defence security act is aimed at extirpating alien espionage activities in Japan instead of controlling the Japanese people, a spokesman of the War Office told the House of Representatives' committee dealing with the national defence security bill to-day.

Admitting considerable anxiety over the manner in which the new act may be enforced, the War Office spokesman urged the "inevitable necessity" of preventing alien espionage intrigues.

"Frankly speaking, since the Manchurian incident there have in fact been occasions when national opinion was divided. While the Diet and the military were militating against each other, financial cliques pursued private interests regardless of the interests of the State. The internal dissensions thus entailed have given occasion to Communism and Liberalism to take advantage of the situation," the Army spokesman declared.

Asked whether the act is a temporary wartime legislation or a permanent one, the Minister of Justice, Lieut.-General Hasegawa, said that the act has been necessitated by the delicate international situation which is prevailing now and its necessity would not be lost unless the present international situation undergoes substantial changes.

Admitting the possibility of re-examining the act in future in case of substantial changes coming over the situation, the Justice Minister added that it was difficult to draw a line of demarcation in the current situation as to when the times of peace or war begin or end.

Bevin Boys Leave India For U.K.

Taking Technical Training

BOMBAY, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, Secretary of the Labour Department, to-day bade "God speed" to the first batch of Indian technicians going to the United Kingdom under the Bevin Scheme.

Mr. Hydari said that the quick and adequate response was a further instance of the common feeling of comradeship and added that the Raj's scheme to train 15,000 Indian technicians by March, 1942, was well under way.

Technical training institutions throughout the provinces are rapidly increasing and developing. Instructors are being secured and in this the United Kingdom is also helping, the Bevin Scheme being a part of this help.

While the Indian scheme contemplates training skilled technicians in thousands, the Bevin Scheme aims at more intensive training.

Arrangements for selecting a second batch of 50 are now in hand. If the experiment succeeds, others will follow.

ROME, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Stefani news agency reports from Vichy that M. Baudouin has been named President of the Administrative Council of the Bank of Indo-China.

Death Of Dr T. P. Woo

Gained Unusual Honours In Hongkong And Abroad

One of the Colony's oldest Chinese doctors, Dr. T. P. Woo passed away yesterday after a short illness at the age of 63 years. The late Dr. Woo was a medical student in the Hongkong School of Medicine and was one of the first batch of research students to be sent abroad by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen after the establishment of the First Republic Government in 1912.

Obtaining his M. B. Ch. B. degrees from the Edinburgh University in 1915, the doctor served with the British Government during the last War as Medical Officer in the General Post Office and in the various military hospitals until the Armistice.

Returning to Hongkong he started his own practice. He eventually received recognition of his services by the Hongkong Government by his appointment as a Member of the Medical Board, being the first Chinese doctor so honoured.

His connection with the St. John Ambulance Brigade dated back to the days when he was M. O. in England and lasted until his death. He was actually one of the first Chinese Corps Surgeons ever appointed by the Headquarters in London.

His other activities were numerous; he was President of the local Chinese Y.M.C.A., Chairman of the Tung Kun Guild of Commerce, and Honorary Superintendent of the Tung Kun Hospital, among other things.

He is survived by his widow, six sons, and three daughters, and several grand-children.

MR L. CURRIE'S ITINERARY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CHUNGKING, Feb. 4 (UP).—Well informed quarters say that Mr. Lauchlin Currie is scheduled to reach Chungking on February 8 by C.N.A.C. plane from Hongkong.

After a brief stay, he is leaving via the Burma Road for Rangoon.

Major General Huang, Secretary General of the National New Life Headquarters will be in charge of the reception.



Mr. Clarence E. Gauss

New Job For Mr Johnson

Clarence Gauss As The New Ambassador

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, to-day confirmed reports that the U.S. Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson Johnson, will soon leave Chungking for a new assignment but he did not reveal the exact nature of the change.

He said that he did not know whether or not Mr. Johnson would come to Washington prior to his new assignment.

The White House declared that there would probably be no news regarding Mr. Johnson until a nomination was sent to the Senate, which would be on Thursday at the earliest.

Australia Approves CANBERRA, Feb. 4 (UP).—The acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, announced to-day that Australia had approved the exchange between Mr. Clarence Gauss and Mr. Nelson Johnson.

Police Prefect Dismissed LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—M. Roger Langeron, the Paris Police Prefect, has been dismissed from his post and is held under detention, according to a report described as coming "from reliable quarters" to the German official news agency.

M. Langeron was appointed in 1934.

Heroism Of Torpedoed Mercantile Crews

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Thrilling stories of heroism and endurance for days in open boats by officers and men of the merchant navy after their ships had been torpedoed and bombed by enemy aircraft or attacked by mercantile raiders, are told in a special supplement of the "London Gazette."

One group of exhausted men spent 15 days afloat before being picked up, another ten days and another six days. All the men were short of food and remarkable feats of navigation were performed.

Throughout the official narratives run heart-breaking instances of sailors' distress unseen by passing ships. One able seaman, Sydney Herbert Light, who is awarded the George Medal, saved not only a boat-load of men from his own torpedoed ship but took in tow and rescued a boatload of survivors from another sunken vessel.

Encouraged Men When Light reached the second boat in the high seas, the occupants were about to give up the struggle. Light climbed aboard, massaged the exhausted men and bound their suffering from exposure with strips of blanket.

Ten terrible days of privation, exhaustion and danger passed before a British ship saw the flare and, thanks to Light's "courage, leadership, self-sacrifice and stout heart," all were rescued.

In peace time Light sails his own yacht and is a skier.

Another Reaches Port Meanwhile Captain Thomas Kippins, Light's skipper, took charge of the other boat containing 20 men, whom he brought to safety after 15 days in heavy seas. The boat was almost overturned. The men who fell overboard were rescued. The mast, sails and several oars were lost. Several passing ships missed their signals. Nevertheless, despite weakness, cold and hardship, the boat reached safety.

Captain Kippins receives the O.B.E.

Idle Foreign Shipping In America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, announced to-day that the problem of using about 500,000 tons of merchant vessel of the Axis Powers and nations controlled by Germany but no decision has been reached as yet.

Likewise, there has been no discussion with other American Republics regarding a uniform policy on the matter.

It is understood that the Treasury and Maritime Commission officials are studying the proposals to use Danish tonnage moored in the United States and believe it might be possible to acquire the vessels without seizure.

Decree Made Absolute

A decree nisi granted Mrs. Elsie S. Lee in her petition for the dissolution of her marriage with Mr. James Yalming Lee was made absolute by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Divorce Court this morning. Neither of the parties was present in Court.

Petitioner was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall-Brutton. Respondent was unrepresented.

PASTOR NIEMOELLER

Said To Have Become Roman Catholic

BASLE, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Martin Niemöller, the German Protestant pastor who became famous for resisting the Nazi conception of the state in relation to religion and who is now in a concentration camp, has become a Roman Catholic, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Dasler Nachrichten."

The paper adds that Niemöller has been contemplating the step for some time. He was a U-boat commander in the last war. He was arrested by the Nazis in 1937.

YUGO-SLAVIAN RESIGNATION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BELGRADE, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Minister of Justice, Lazar Markovic, has resigned and has been succeeded by Milan Cvetkovic, former Minister without Portfolio, whom the German press described as an Anglophile.

HOPKINS' RETURN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 4 (UP).—Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative, has completed his mission and will be leaving for the United States within a few days.

More Restrictions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day announced he has placed oil well and refining machinery, radium, uranium ore and coal skin under the export licensing system.

Willkie Sees De Valera

Tea With Royalty

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Immediately after returning from his lightning trip to Ireland, Mr. Wendell Willkie had tea with the King and Queen.

Mr. Willkie told "Reuters" that he had had a three hours' conversation with Mr. Eamon de Valera to-day, during one of which he was alone with the Eire Prime Minister. He said that they had a frank and free discussion and he "got the information he wanted."

He also saw several members of the Eire Cabinet.

Great Leadership Referring to the general conclusions he had reached in travelling about England, Mr. Willkie said: "I think the people of these islands are almost miraculously fortunate in their leadership. Anyone who believes that the people are not united is labouring under a delusion. I doubt whether in history any man has been more ideally suited to his task than Churchill—with qualities of inspirational leadership, great comprehension, dauntless courage and long experience."

"I have talked to every member of a Government comprised of diverse political and economic beliefs, and I have never seen a more co-ordinated or a more cohesive group in the pursuit of a common aim."

Irish Bases He reiterated his opinion of Britain's miraculous leadership in one of the supreme critical moments of history. Other conclusions, he said, he was keeping for the United States.

He declined to talk about Irish bases and disclosed that he had not been invited to Germany.

Referring to his tour of the industrial area in northwest England, Mr. Willkie said that he had collected a great deal of information about production methods and he described himself as "very fascinated" by the relations between the Government, labour and industry.

On Way Home SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 4 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie left London early this morning on the first stage of his trip home.

Nazi Aid To U.K. Town Planning Opportunity Not Disaster

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—"I don't believe that the air raid damage caused to buildings up to date would exceed or even reach one year's full building capacity of Britain."

This statement was made to-day by the famous economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, who added: "I should say that the buildings of this country are to-day worth more than they were in 1938. Damage of this kind is an opportunity. It is only when it gets beyond a certain point that it becomes a disaster."

"What has happened hitherto is opportunity, and can go much further before it becomes a real disaster."

He advocated five or ten programmes far exceeding repair of damage.

Yugo-Slav Cabinet Crisis Likely

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SOFIA, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Ivan Bogdanoff, an advocate of close relations with the Axis has resigned.

Reports are being circulated that a severe Cabinet crisis may result. The Premier, Professor Fliof, has taken over the post for the time being.

Tankers For Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Feb. 5 (Domei).—To increase the number of Japan's oil tankers, a Japan Oil Tanker Development Association will shortly be founded.

Bulgarian Pro-Nazi Minister Resigns

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—M. Bagrianoff, the Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture, known for his Nazi sympathies, resigned this morning, according to a Sofia telegram.

King Boris has accepted the resignation and his post has been taken over by M. Fliof, the Prime Minister.

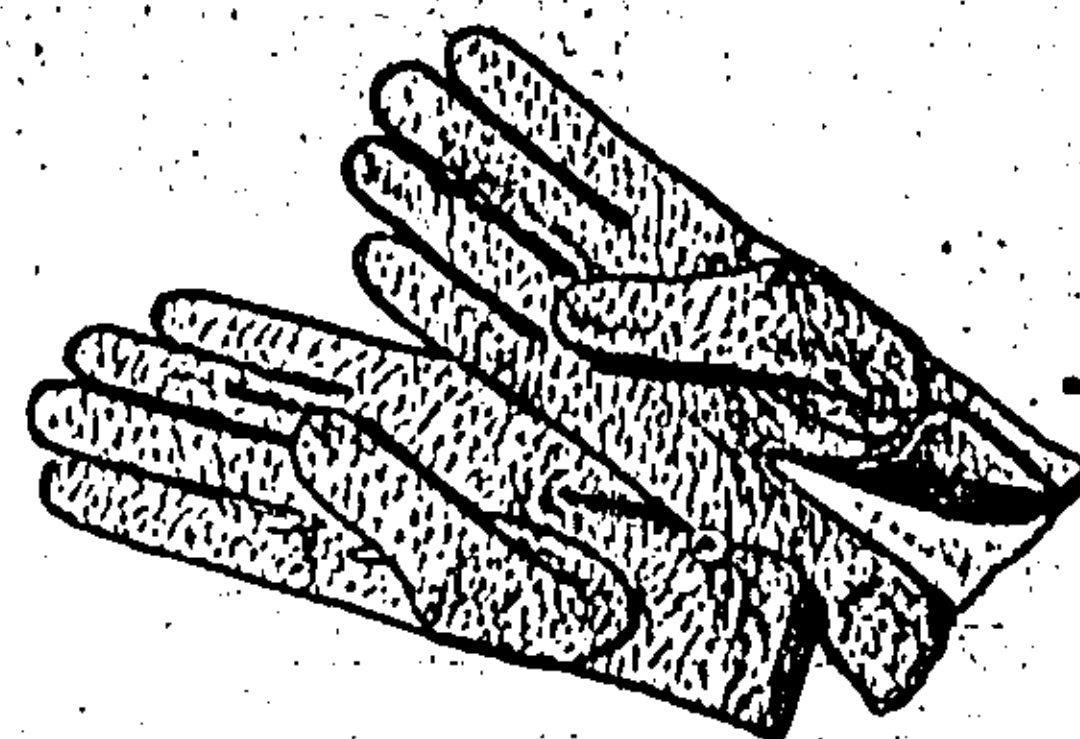
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Around The Courses

"Bomber Fund" Tournament

Germ Of An Idea That Should Be Fruitful

Open And On Handicap

(By "Birdie")

AROUND THE 19TH HOLE the other day there was talk of an open tournament for golfers in aid of the Bomber Fund, and tongues were going at quite an enthusiastic rate. It is an appealing idea, and if organised should bear fruit.

The first consideration was whether it would prove more successful if run on the Open Championship lines or on handicaps, and without a doubt it was agreed that the second would open the competition to more players, and thus provide a greater support for the Fund.

On the handicap principle, too, it would solve one of the problems with which I shall deal soon—that of the course or courses on which to play.

At the outset it is realised that the greater success of the competition would be guaranteed if the Royal Hongkong Golf Club would undertake the organisation. It is the leading Club, with a membership far in excess of any others. But the Fanling Club have their own competitions, weekly, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund and the Bomber Fund, and from these competitions regularly come contributions to the War effort.

Other Clubs, too, endeavour to do their bit, but the new idea is one that would incorporate all into one great subscription that should assume respectable proportions. And it is one that could be repeated.

The Venue

Quite a few golfers in Hongkong would like to have the opportunity of playing over the Fanling Courses, but if response is as large as might be expected, and/or if the competition is repeated sometime later in the year, it would hardly be fair to ask the members of the R.H.K.G.C. to open their course.

The playing of the competition on handicap would obviate the necessity of playing on a course common to all, for the rounds could be played on home courses, and the scores submitted to a central committee—one of the R.H.K.G.C.

The whole, of course, might lead to quite a number of ties for first place, and possibly the selection of the best second 18 holes' score would not produce a winner—in which case there would have to be a replay among the first names. But that is not an obstacle, for the eliminations would produce a winner over a week or two.

Entrants would, of course, be members of registered Golf Clubs, and the cost of prizes could be defrayed at an almost negligible contribution pro rata from the Clubs concerned.

Professional golfers at home, led by Henry Cotton, are doing a lot in aid of the War Fund, while amateurs have made use of their clubs by contributing them as scrap iron.

Here is an opportunity for golfers in Hongkong to make use of their clubs, perhaps to better effect than by giving them in as scrap.

THE draw for the Senior Championship of the Country Club was made recently and resulted as follows:
First Round—W. Williamson v. J. J. Basto; A. W. Ramsey v. A. T. Lee; T. Y. C. Lee v. C. H. Suen; F. X. Silva v. E. J. M. Churn.
Bye—M. F. Pinna v. A. A. Lopes.
These matches will be played off on or before Sunday next.

Exhibition Snooker Match For Bomber Fund

A. P. Pereira, of the Volunteers, beat Cpl J. H. Harvey, R.A.M.C., four frames to one at a snooker exhibition in aid of the Bomber Fund. Scores: First frame—Pereira 69 (break of 10) and Harvey 55 (break of 21). Second frame—Pereira, 60 (14); Harvey, 35.
Third frame—Pereira, 58; Harvey 40.
Fourth frame—Pereira, 41; Harvey 61 (20).
Fifth frame—Pereira, 64 (10, 27); Harvey, 40.
Totals were—Pereira 312; Harvey 237.



Alice Mar, Canuckettes, batting. Cynthia Motta, Wildcats, catching. Maple Leaf Lassies suffered first major defeat.—Ming Yuen.

KEEN SHOOTING AT KOWLOON CITY

Many Members Participate In Police Programme

THOUGH LIGHT was dull but good, a gusty wind affected scores, particularly those at 600 yards during the Sunday meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association, the programme for which was arranged by the Hongkong Police Rifle Club. As many as 150 members were present.

Dockyard Rifle Club won the team event, only 11 points separating the winners from the next four teams. The Dockyard team was, Messrs Blake, Medhurst, Guard, White and Oldrieve, who returned the very good score of 327. Mr Medhurst won the Cup for the best individual score of 72.

Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, and Mrs Perdue were present, and later Mrs Perdue presented the prizes. Winners of Silver Spoons in the various classes were:
Class "A"—H.N.S.—Mme. J. H. Richardson (Silver spoon); Class "A"—H.N.S.—P. Hale (Middlesex); Class "B"—H.N.S.—Sub. C. C. Hale (2); Class "C"—H.N.S.—Cpl. F. Perry (R.A.F.); Class "D"—H.N.S.—Cpl. F. W. Ewens (R.A.O.C.); Class "E"—H.N.S.—P. Jones (Middlesex); Class "F"—H.N.S.—Cpt. H. Marsh (Middlesex).

Sealed Envelope Competition, 300 yards
Pte H. R. Johnson (Middlesex); 600 yards
Cpl H. B. S. (H.K.V.D.C.).

Revolver Competition—Capt. C. H. R. Hyde and Cpl S. Narayan Singh (H.K.V.D.C.).

U.S.S. Tula Competition—C.Q.M. F. Eskew (Police spoon).

The following were winners of the Hongkong Rifle Association Spoon:

Class "A"—Pte H. Dry (Middlesex); Class "B"—Pte H. Dry (2); Class "C"—P.O.M.B. Gray (R.A.F.); Class "D"—P.O.M.B. Gray (R.A.F.); Class "E"—P.O.M.B. Gray (R.A.F.); Class "F"—P.O.M.B. Gray (R.A.F.).

Leading scores were as follows:

Class "A"

Mme J. H. Richardson (Nil) 300 000 Ttl.

Mme S. Croft (Scr.) 42 27 70

Cpl R. Langford (Scr.) 41 27 68

Pte H. Dry (3) 40 24 64

Cpl S. Narayan Singh (4) 39 23 62

Sgt L. Priddy (Nil) 40 23 63

W/O F. Toulson (Scr.) 34 28 62

Cpl S. Narayan Singh (4) 39 23 62

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Rugby

Combined R.A. Defeated In Large Units League

R. ENGINEERS scored a meritorious victory over the Combined Royal Artillery in the Large Units Rugby League yesterday at Sookunpo, winning by 9 points (three tries) to 8 (a goal and a try), the last and winning try being scored in the closing minutes of the game.

Sappers were soon on the mark, and within the first few minutes had scored far out through Davis. Birrell failed to convert. The Gunners, however, broke through on a second attempt, and Easterbrook, receiving from Page, touched down between the posts. Keeble kicked an easy goal.

Into The Lead
After the interval, Gunners went into the lead when Marsh went over after a very fine effort, but Pearce failed with a good kick from a difficult position.

Birrell jumped into the picture with a sensational run for more than half the field, though he failed to convert, and the Gunners still had the lead 8-0.

But in the closing minutes of the game, Foley went over to give Sappers the final say at 8-9.

Surprise Victory

A sensational upset marked the earlier game when Middlesex, one of the weakest teams in the League, beat Combined Small Units 5

goal, a penalty and a try (11) to a try (3).

Burrell scored a fine try for Middlesex, while the posts which Berry converted with an excellent kick. Berry kicked a penalty goal and Freshwater, of soccer fame, added the final points.

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Setback For Mohawks

Leading Teams Beaten During Week-end

Canuckettes Humbled

(By "Ball Fan")

PENNANT ASPIRATIONS of the Marauding Mohawks and the Maple Leaf Lassies were given a rude setback over the week-end as both leading teams went down to bitter defeat, making the pay-off scramble more complicating than ever.

A flustered, weak-playing Canuckettes nine was sent scurrying to the cleaners before a fierce 11-2 Wildcat onslaught. The ball bombing Indians preserved their mathematical chance in their fight for the men's senior loop pennant by stopping a strong Mohawk threat.

Chung Hwa Maroons retained their league-leading spot in the Junior loop with a close 6-5 win over South China's fighting-mad ball tossers.

First Defeat

SUFFERING their first major league defeat this season, the Canadian Chinese girls seemed completely demoralised as they took a 11-2 lacing from the power wielding Wildcats.

For four innings, Mary Ng, Canuckette mound star, hurled brilliant deceptive ball to hold the thundering felines at bay, but terrible support from her flustered team-mates, who chalked up 11 miscues in the latter innings, more than ruined a fine hurling start. The star-studded Wildcats gained three tallies in the 5th and clinched the issue in the 6th frame as Irene Pereira and the four Mar sisters crossed the pan with five more markers. Thomas Colloco threw a steady game for the winners while Cynthia Motta's sizzling slings to second had the Maple Leaf runners stopped cold.

Twenty-six Runs!

DOC MOLTEN'S red-legged Cardinals, showing more power as the ball season draws to an end, slashed out a terrifying 26-1 win over the lowly Chung Hwa Maroons. Edie Babida, Grandma Hutchinson, and Marie Rosa all connected for homers in the rout which left the Chinese cuties listing heavily at the bottom of the standing.

Panthers' Triumph

CHALKING up four runs in the 6th on a circuit clot by the golden girl, and successive tallies by Hilda Soares, Therese Marques and L. Xavier, the panting Panthers pounded out a 14-10 triumph over Recreio's rough riding dandies.

Uncle Mike's Rees started off in winning fashion as they garnered eight markers in three innings, but could not atone off the whirlwind finish which brought Cesar Xavier's Panthers their seventh win this season.

Close Decision

HARRY NORONHA's weakened rough riding Rees pulled through with a close 5-4 decision over a more weakened Chinese Baseball nine.

Abe Liu's gang, with the ever popular and flashy Kenny (himself) Wong called to the right field pastures from the dugout, pushed across

Louis To Defend Title On February 17

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4 (UP).—Joe Louis, world heavy-weight champion, has signed a contract to defend his title against Gus Dorazio in a 15-round bout at Convention Hall on February 17.

four tallies in the 1st frame as Nip Lum, George White, Tommy Chan and Den Cray swept across the pan.

Reo flinger Johnny Alvarez tightened after this onslaught and plucked shuteout ball for the next six innings while his mates shot over single runs in every frame except the 3rd and 4th.

Maples' Jinx

THE well known jinx continued to hunt the luckless Maple Leaf clan as they lost another heart-breaker to Dave Amper's Filipino Club 3-2. Allowing only one single, slabster Herbie Quon's fireballs were hurrying across the old platter, but that extra "comph" just didn't put in its appearance and the Canuck boys were taken for another loss.

Mohawks Quelled

IN the nightcap the Indian ball chasers stopped a red hot Mohawk uprising, 7-5 after two extra innings, with two runs in the 9th on a stinging triple by Baby Abbas.

The winners took a four run lead going into the 6th, but Mohawk Joey Schallberg's Monstrous circuit with two on board brought the Tribe back into the picture again. Joe Morris, Slugging backstop, crossed with the flying tally in the 7th frame to prolong the issue.

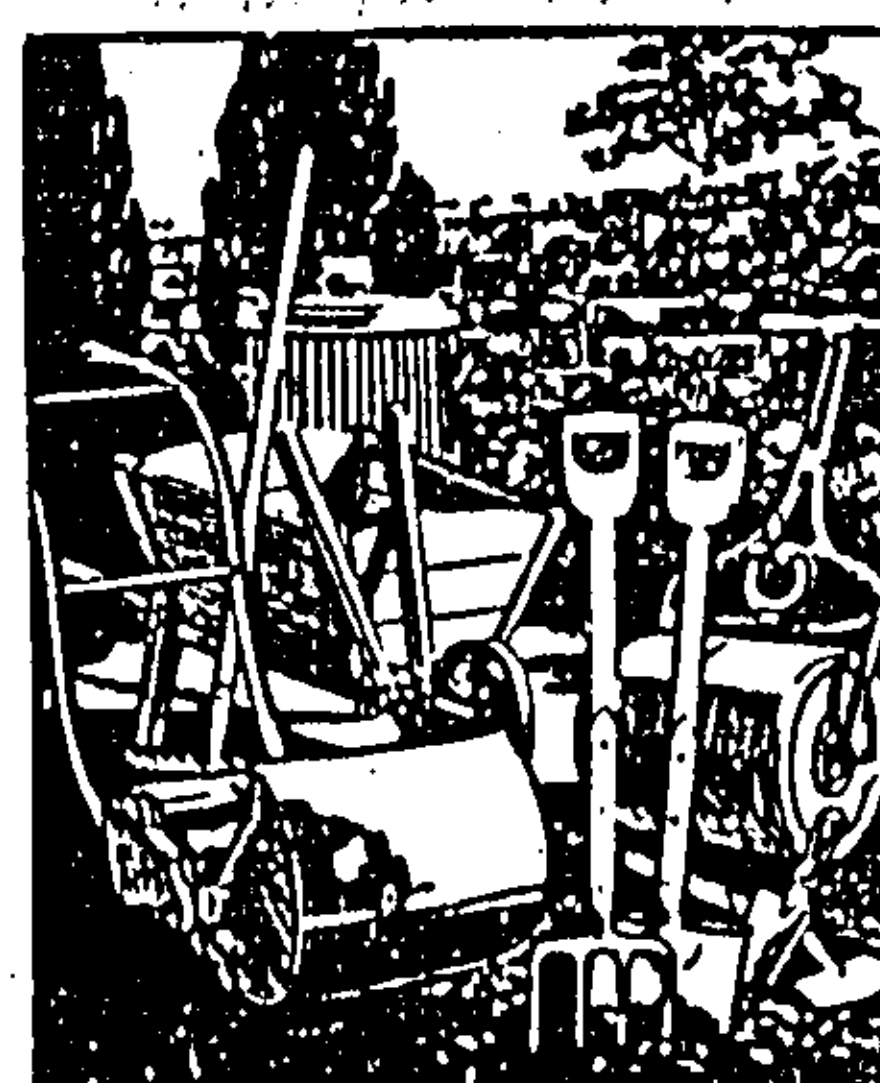
With this brilliant win, the Indians pushed themselves into the midst of the pennant fight as they head down toward the championship drive stretch.

Junior Loop

CHUNG Hwa Maroons were given a real scare as they defeated South China in a close game. Second stringer Al Lau hurled his first victory of the season, but found the Nam Hwa gang.

V.R.C. kept pace with Chinese at the top by slugging through to a 14-7 win over Cosmopolitans. R.A.F. suffered a surprise defeat as the lowly R. Artillery nine handed them a 7-2 lacing.

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Shanghai Russians Beat Tientsin 4-2

SHANGHAI RUSSIANS triumphed over the Tientsin Russians 4-2 in an interport soccer match played at the Caudrome, Shanghai, on January 27.

It was, however, only by two penalties late in the game that Shanghai were able to claim their two goals' margin of victory, but the game was interesting throughout. Bocovitch covered himself with glory in the 87th goal.

Chooklantzeff opened Shanghai's account in the seventh minute, and two minutes later Novgorodoff repeated Chooklantzeff's performance.

The visitors retaliated with a goal from Goldendorff, and ten minutes after the resumption Patrin made the scores equal.

Penalties

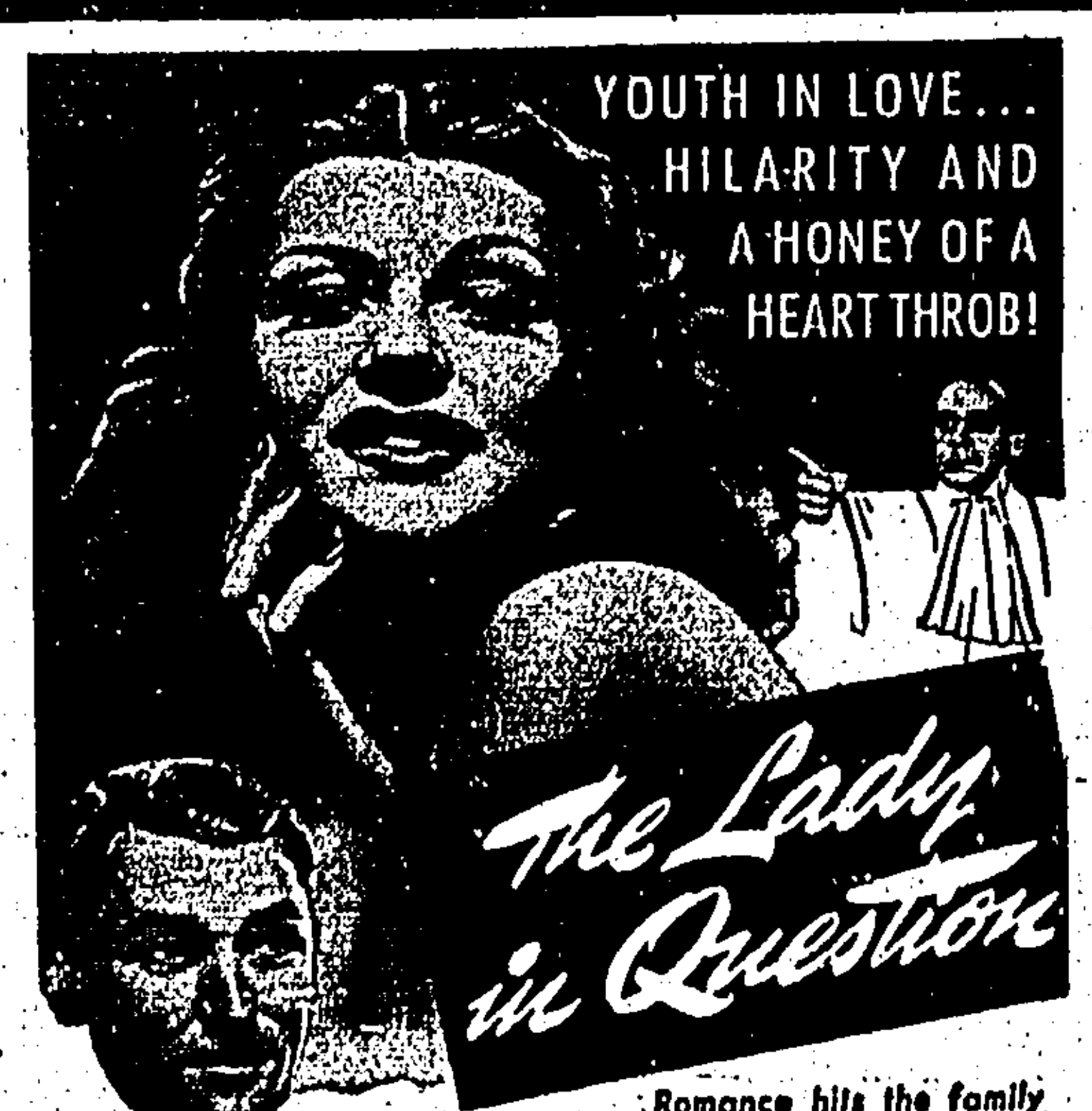
But in the 35th minute of the second half, Grossman handled in the

area and Chooklantzeff made no mistake from the spot.

Soon afterwards, Skorniaukoff was guilty of the same breach and Chooklantzeff took the kick. Solovieff affected a brilliant save, but Karolich took the rebound and made no mistake with a beautiful first-liner.

Teams were:
Shanghai Russians: — Bocovitch; Naslavinn, Seako; O. Chooklantzeff, Caro, Zivonuk; Kapustin, Mashloff, Karolich, Novgorodoff, C. Chooklantzeff.

Tientsin Russians: — G. Solovieff; A. Skorniaukoff, E. Grossman; P. Stepanoff, V. Ivashkoff, V. Joudoff; V. Goldendorff, S. Vellott, A. Patrin, E. Tulenoff, E. Soubolle.



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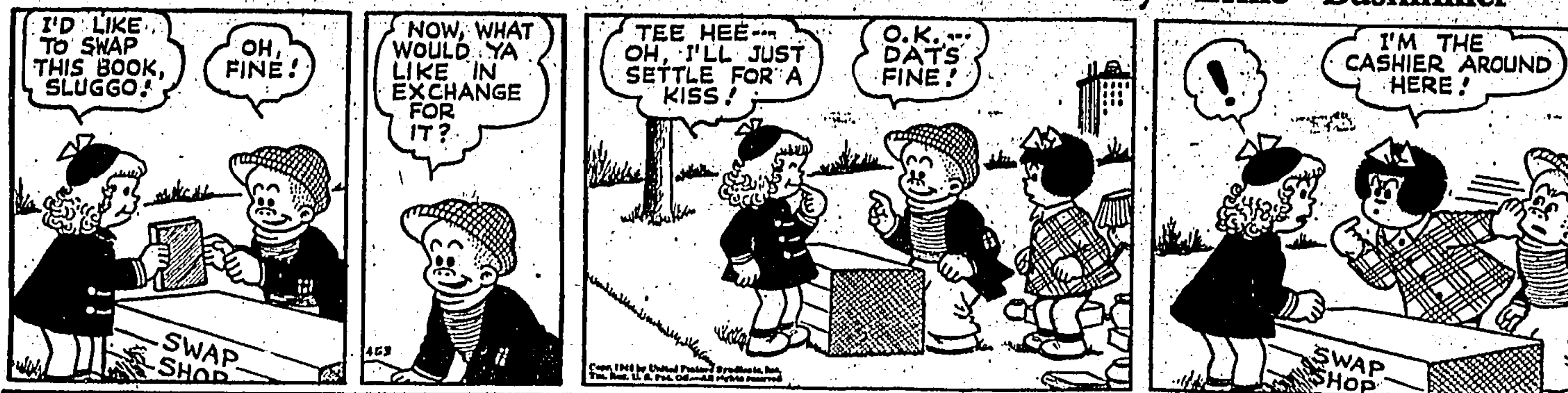
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By Ernie Bushmiller

CUBA'S BATISTA BEATS PLOT

Army Pledges Its Loyalty

HAVANA, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—President Batista, "Cuba's strong man," by swift dramatic action countered last night's attempt to overthrow him.

In sports clothes and accompanied by only two colonels, he drove to the Columbia camp and took command of the forces. He ordered General Assembly to be sounded and when all the troops had responded to the call, they pledged their loyalty to him.

FORMER THETIS HONOURED

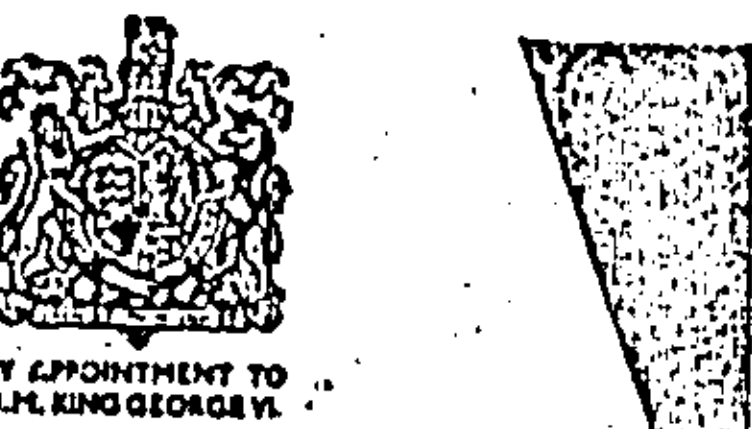
Italian Sub. Destroyed

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Awards to officers and men of the submarine Thetis, for courage, skill and seamanship, announced in the "London Gazette," recall the recent destruction of an Italian submarine.

Lieutenant C. Crouch is given the D.S.O., Lieutenant Stevens get the D.S.C., while a number of the crew have received the D.S.M. or mentioned in despatches.

U.S. Exports Ban

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has placed oil well refining machinery, radium, export licensing system in connection with the National Defence Programme as from Monday next.



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Chungking Has Need of Much More Aid from U.S.

(Mr. John R. Morris, Far Eastern Manager of "United Press," who is now in Hongkong after recent visit to Free China, Burma, Thailand, Malaya, the Philippines and Japan, has written the following story exclusively for the "Telegraph.")

Mr. Morris is now en route to his headquarters in Shanghai. He will sail by an American-United Line ship to-morrow.

By JOHN R. MORRIS
FAR EASTERN MANAGER,
"UNITED PRESS"

Free China, now in the fourth year of her war of resistance against Japanese domination, at present is holding her own against the invader but to win decisively and recover her occupied territories will require much greater American aid than she has received thus far.

This observation is the result of a three-month tour of China, Japan and other Far Eastern countries vitally affected by Japan's effort to establish a 'new order' in East Asia.

Chungking, whence I flew to Hongkong this week, is a capital beset by tremendous trials and hardships, which recently have been complicated and intensified by internal difficulties and serious economic problems. When all factors are taken into consideration, however, it appears obvious that China's position and prospects are improving at present, while Japan's problems, responsibilities and her self-imposed task of reorganizing Asia under the Rising Sun are becoming daily more burdensome and dangerous.

Chinese of all classes, greatly encouraged by recent American measures which directly or indirectly benefited the Chinese position, feel that the United States holds the key to the Far Eastern situation and, in co-operation with Great Britain, will restore peace and equilibrium during 'new order' in Asia in the course of the next year or two.

Undimmed

The Chinese are by no means dismayed by the military reverses they have suffered nor the economic difficulties which are causing much hardship among the people, but it is everywhere noticeable that the expectation of further and even more substantial American assistance is the principal ingredient of the confidence with which they face the future.

American observers of long residence in China and intimate acquaintances with conditions and personalities there emphasize the importance of the opportunity opened to the United States by the existing state of affairs. Many with whom I talked expressed the hope that Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of President Roosevelt's administrative assistants who is now en route to Chungking, would return to Washington with information and ideas which would lead to increased aid on a basis and in a manner which would insure its maximum effectiveness.

Eager To Cooperate

The highest officials of the Chinese Government, interviewed by the writer last week, implied by all their remarks an eagerness to co-operate with the United States in every way necessary to put American material aid to the best use. All the most experienced foreign observers I consulted, including many of non-American nationalities, felt the Chinese Government was prepared to accept in the future not only American assistance but also American advice in the manner of utilizing such credits and materials as the United States in the future may be prepared to provide.

Recent events and prevailing conditions in Free China suggest the urgent importance of more than mere credits and more than mere materials, although these alone are credited by informed Chungking circles with having recently enabled Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government to survive more than one serious internal crisis.

The encouragement lent by tangible American assistance was cited to me as the Generalissimo's strongest weapon against whisperings of the Chinese peace party against the serious problems created by inflation and commodity hoarding and even against recent Chinese Communist who almost succeeded a few weeks ago in precipitating a large-scale civil war. While the seriousness of these internal dangers was great at times during the last quarter of 1940, there appears to be ample evidence that strong measures adopted by Gen-

On Safari Beating Tracks To Abyssinia's Jungle War Front

IN THE ABYSSINIAN BUSH, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—This is the sixth day of our trek into unexplored wilderness, and although fatigued and with rations low and trucks battered, we have sighted our objective on the far-off horizon.

We can now look back on many score of miles of track blazed through bush and forest and sometimes through raging bushfires, and know that the success of our safari is assured, and soon our tracks will be transferred into the first British road in Abyssinia.

Chinese Claim Debacle Of Enemy In Honan

LOYANG, Feb. 4 (Central News).—Chinese strategy has turned the Japanese offensive in south Honan into a debacle with enemy casualties of 20,000 approximately. Large quantities of Japanese arms and ammunition were captured.

The Chinese success is understood to be the greatest since the turn of the year.

The Japanese force of about 100,000 men is said to have been encircled and subjected to a counter-offensive. Wuyang, Siping, Shanghsai, Pacan-yi (south of Yehsien), Tushu-cheng, (north of Fangcheng) and other strategic points which the Chinese abandoned in order to entice the Japanese to penetrate deep into south Honan, were successively recaptured by the Chinese.

The Japanese troops at Singyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway launched an offensive on January 14 in four columns. One column pushed northward along the railway line, entering Minghsan, Kioshan, Chumutien and Sulping. It was subjected to annihilating attacks by the Chinese on the way and was drawn further northward to Siping.

A second column pushed northward to the east of the railway, taking Wuyang, Junan, and Shanghsai. From Shanghsai this column made an attack at Chowkiakow but was repulsed.

A third column pushed northward to the west of the railway. After passing through Hoshanghsien, Hing-chwang, it attacked Shanghsien. A fourth column drove westward from Singyang to Tungpang and turned northward to the neighbourhood of Minghsan. 20,000 Japanese troops from Sulping and Siping reached Wuyang.

After trapping the Japanese, the Chinese started a general counter-offensive with the aid of local self-defence units. The Japanese were surprised into confusion.

Football

Monthly Meeting Of Referees' Association

The monthly meeting of the Football Referees' Association was held at the Hotel Cecil last evening. Mr. H. Beard was in the chair, assisted by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

A proposal to request the Football Association to award referees and linesmen with souvenirs in the form of whistles and medals when officiating at senior and junior level final and inter-club games was shelved until more prosperous times.

Following a discussion on routine matters, R. S. M. Ford addressed the meeting on the conditions of soccer at Home. He dealt with the war demands on man-power and the consequent financial effect on some of the teams—while some cases had meant the closing down of the Club for the duration.

Speculating on the future, he forecast the difficulties of soccer Clubs when it came to re-opening after the war; their difficulty in competing with other Clubs that had maintained their nucleus of players throughout.

In summing up, the speaker said he was certain that there would be changes in control or presentation, but though the period to come may be difficult, it was everyone's duty to uphold the game to the level it had enjoyed during its period of peace.

Chungking Appointments

CHUNGKING, Feb. 5 (Central News).—The Executive Yuan announced the following appointments yesterday: Mr. Yin Jen-hsien, Director of the Public Loans Department of the Ministry of Finance, succeeding Mr. Tao Chang-shan who is transferred. Mr. Li Wei, Counsellor of the Commission on Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs.

Mr. Li Huan, member of the same Commission, succeeding Mr. Liu Chia-hsien.

Exchange At A Glance

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U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4/3 1/4

Rumanian Terror Probe

Horia Sima Blamed

BUCHAREST, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The Iron Guard leader, Horia Sima, is the first named in the list of those blamed for the deaths and material damage resulting from the recent rebellion, in a semi-official statement published to-day.

Others mentioned are the former Minister of the Interior, General Petrovicescu; former Chief of Police, M. Alexander Ghika; and "other ambitious men of lesser importance."

The statement continues that documents "prove that the rebellion was premeditated and long prepared and that the aim was to utilise the arms and ammunition obtained from police stations and the gendarmerie through-out the country on the pretext that they were needed by the Legionary Police."

Of the 44 persons tried by the Military Court on charges of having taken part in the rebellion, 30 have been given prison sentences ranging from three months to five years, and fines ranging from 2,000 to 100,000 lei. Eight were acquitted.

"Reuter's" Chief On Tour In China

KUNMING, Feb. 5 (Central News).—Mr. Kenneth Selby-Walker, "Reuter's" Far Eastern Manager, and Mr. Selby-Walker arrived here yesterday afternoon from Chungking by plane. They were greeted at the aerodrome by Mr. Pei Hsiao-tan, Mayor of Kunming, and other Chinese officials, and newspapermen. After a few days' stay in Kunming, they will go to Rangoon by the Burma Road.

Succeeds Csaky

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—M. Laszlo Bardossy, the Hungarian Minister in Bucharest, has been appointed Foreign Minister in succession to Count Csaky, says a despatch to the official German news agency. Count Csaky died last week.

This expedition, which in peacetime would have taken weeks of careful preparation, was undertaken at 12 hours notice with no different development than one would take in a trip from London to the coast.

We started with a convoy of British and foreign vehicles, but two days later abandoned the foreign vehicles which could not survive the severe conditions.

Yesterday my truck struck a half-buried boulder, puncturing the oil-sump and twisting the clutch-rod. The oil-sump we pegged with wood. The clutch-rod we heated over a fire and hammered straight with an axe, but while we were fixing under the lorry, a swarm of bees sought to quench our thirst from the perspiration of our bodies, including stings.

When the repairs were completed, a bush fire swept with lightning speed across the elephant grass, enveloping the disabled lorry with flames, but though the woodwork caught fire and the tyres began to melt, the vehicle was saved and we continued our journey.

Surrounded By Fire

Later in the day we were entirely surrounded by another bush fire, the flames making a circle that closed to within a few yards of the lorry while we stood helpless and half-scorched. These were merely interludes in the gruelling and ceaseless task from dawn to dusk of hacking down trees and cutting away rocks with small picks.

Our average daily run, not stopping for food, was eight miles. Ants were seen everywhere, but to-night for the first time, we have had respite from the bites, encamped in the middle of a patch of elephant grass eight feet high.

Yesterday the water situation caused anxiety, but while we were reconnoitering a foot for a crossing of a dried-up river bed, two Leopards bounded from the grass nearby, indicating that water must be in the vicinity.

Under European Officers

LONDON, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—The fervent faith of Abyssinian irregulars who are playing an increasingly important part in regaining their country is described in a Nairobi cable.

They are fully equipped with uniforms and operate under European officers. They include the nephew of Haile Selassie and others who had positions and wealth formerly, but are now quite happy to accept pay of 25 to 40 shillings a month. Their attitude is entirely unmercenary and they are willing to pay for extra equipment themselves. They are constant readers of the Bible and are fighting for the ideal of freeing their country.

N.E.I. MUST JOIN NEW ORDER

TOKYO PRESS SCORN

TOKYO, Feb. 5 (Reuter).—Commenting on the Netherlands East Indies opposition to the construction of a "Greater East Asia mutual prosperity sphere" by Japan, the leading commercial daily, "Chugai Shogyo," says that Netherlands Government's opposition is nothing and that Japan will go forward as planned.

The paper hopes that the Netherlands Government will reconsider for the sake of the East Indies.

The "Miyako Shimbum" points out that the policy or will of the Netherlands Government is but the policy or will of the British Government.

"The only way for the development of the Netherlands East Indies is co-operation with Japan from a far-sighted view of the world situation. There is nothing more foolish than for the N.E.I. to go to ruin with a home government under the handling of Britain and America," the paper concludes.

British Consulate At Zagreb Is Bombed

BELGRADE, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—A bomb exploded in the reading room one floor below the British Consulate General at Zagreb to-day.

A woman is reported to be seriously injured. The bomb is thought to have been thrown through a window. Books and furniture were destroyed.

Deposed Chiefs in Miami

MIAMI, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Jose Pedraza, the deposed Cuban Army Chief, and Bernardo Garcia, late chief of Police, have arrived here by plane from Cuba.

They are stated to have left with President Batista's approval.

Cannons Uncovered

HAVANA, Feb. 4 (UP).—General Batista held a firm grip on Cuba after suppressing the challenge to his authority that included a reported assassination plot and an attempt to raise a revolt in the Cuban army and navy.

In a broadcast General Batista reported how he averted the attempted uprising. He declared, "Pedraza, Army Chief, mobilised his forces and organised an offensive. Admiral Gonzales ordered steam up on his ships and uncovered their cannon and even put patrols inside my palace. I watched from the balcony but was not worried because I know I could count on the loyalty of the navy. The guilty men have been arrested and returned to their homes where they will enjoy all the guarantees to which they are entitled."

"All members of the Cabinet went to Camp Columbia to-day and congratulated General Batista. The Council of Ministers made a formal statement expressing their approval of General Batista in 'establishing order and material peace with a minimum of indispensable suppressions.'"

The Government closed the radio station, "The Voice of the Air," because last night it is alleged to have broadcast a bulletin asserting that General Pedraza had taken General Batista prisoner.

Other Passengers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HAVANA, Feb. 4 (UP).—The Government-chartered plane which left for Miami carrying Pedraza and Garcia, also carried Senora Gonzales, wife of the Naval Minister, and a group of unidentified persons.

Chinese Consular Changes

New Minister To Brazil

CHUNGKING, Feb. 5 (Central News).—Mr. Samuel Sung Young (Hsiung Chung-chih), Minister to Brazil, was relieved of his post by the Executive Yuan yesterday.

Dr. Tan Shao-hun, Minister to Mexico, was transferred to succeed him while Mr. T. K. Ching (Cheng Tien-ku) was appointed to succeed Mr. Tan as Minister to Mexico.

Dr. Tan, a native of Tolskan, Kwangtung, graduated from the University of Shanghai and the Chicago University. He was a member of the Treaty Commission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, senior secretary of the same Ministry, and then Minister to Mexico since February, 1937.

Mr. Ching, born in Kwangtung in 1890, attended the University of Chicago and the University of California, graduating from the latter in 1913. Upon returning to China, he joined the revolutionary movement and acted for a time as secretary to Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Later he was appointed Commissioner of Public Works in Canton, and was at the same time, Managing Director of the Star Leather Co., Tai Sing Copper Mill, and the Sand-Lime Brick Co.

After resigning his Commissioner-ship, he became Dean of the College of Law and Political Science of the University of Kwangtung. At the same time he served as legal adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

After the formation of the National Government in Nanking, he was appointed Director of the Board of Customs of the Ministry of Finance in 1927. He was for a time secretary to the late Mr. Hu Han-min, ex-President of the Legislative Yuan.

Special Mention Of Indians

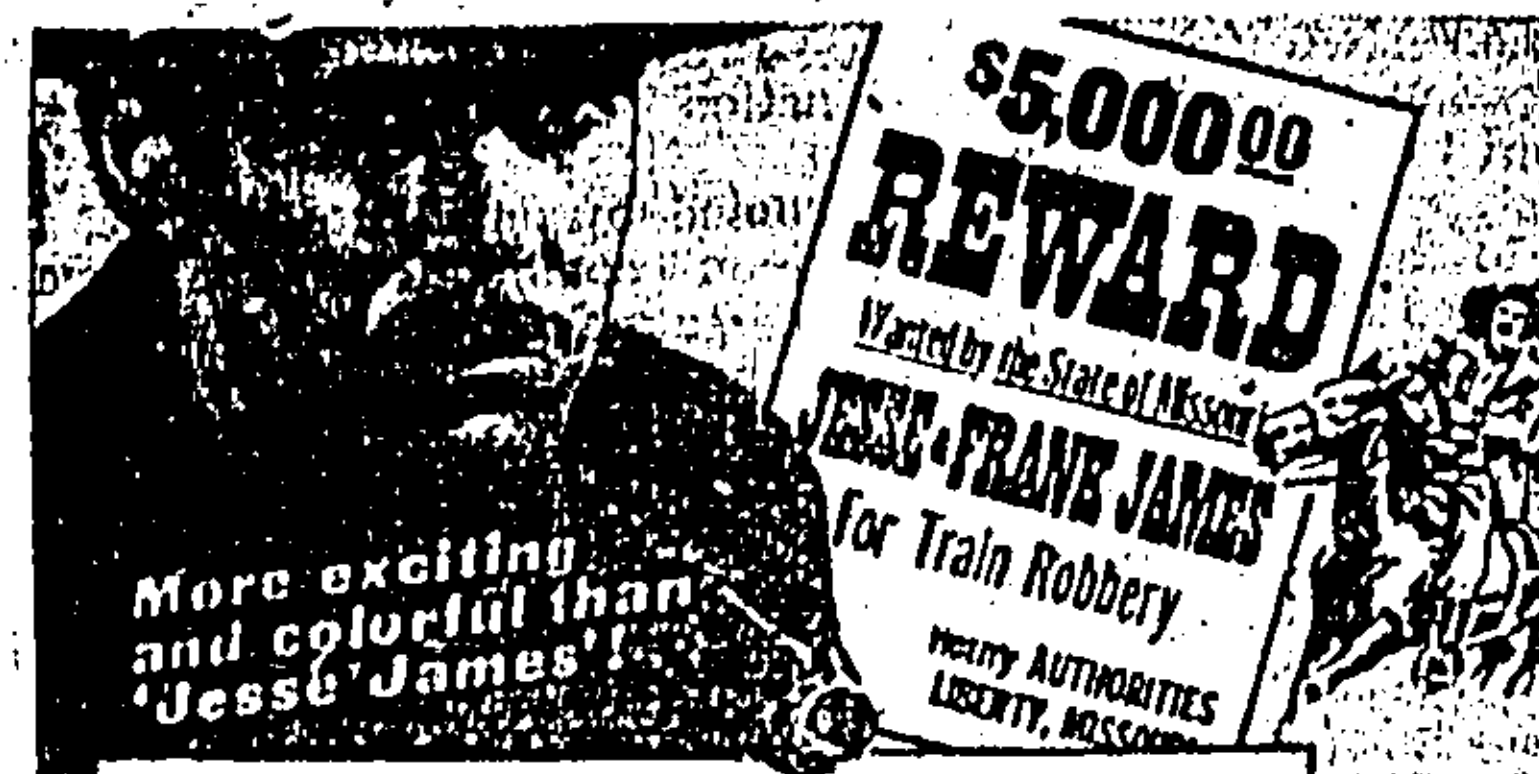
NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (Reuter).—Deserters from Indian Abyssinian forced levies have testified to the destructiveness and accuracy of British artillery and air bombardment. Artillery sniping is destroying enemy morale.

Indian battalions have shown a conspicuously high standard of training and their supply organisation has proved extremely good.

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munique, resulted in the infliction of nearly 100 casualties in killed and captured at slight cost to ourselves. One additional post in the neighborhood has been captured.

Extensive patrol activities continue in Italian Somaliland, the communiqué concludes.

Part Captured Town
(By "Reuters" Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, Feb. 4.—Driving west along the coast from Derna, British Imperial forces have captured the small town of Cyrene, about 130 miles from Benghazi.

It is believed that the British advanced forces have already gone past Cyrene. This seems to be indicated by mention in today's R.A.F. communiqué of British air attacks on enemy troops retreating along the road west of Cyrene, which was Marshal Graziani's headquarters when he planned to invade Egypt.

Brief messages received at General Wavell's headquarters in Cairo did not say whether the Italians had offered strong resistance at Cyrene. It is generally assumed that they held on till the last moment and fought a rearguard action when British pressure became too great.

Ex-King Carol's Marriage

No Record In London

Ex-King Carol of Rumania, now in Lisbon with Madame Magda Lupescu, is reported to have announced that he was married to her in London "some years ago"—but a search of Somerset House registers revealed no record of the marriage.

A Press Association reporter examined entries of marriages that have taken place during the past 20 years. Neither King Carol's name nor Madame Lupescu's was among them.

An official said, "There are no circumstances in which a marriage could take place in England and Wales without registration."

"A person might be married in a name other than his real one, but the assumed name would have to be one by which he was well known. Even then he might find it a rather difficult thing to do."

Ex-King Carol has often been in England. He was there in 1928 as Prince and, Madame Lupescu was with him then. He was in the country again in 1936, 1937, and 1938.

LATE NEWS

MR CURRIE IN HONGKONG

Mr Laughlin Currie, personal representative of President Roosevelt to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, arrived in Hongkong to-day by Clipper. He is on his way to Chungking in connection with a special mission.

Mr Currie is accompanied by Mr Emile Despres, official economist attached to the U. S. Government. The President's envoy refused to make any statement on the purpose of his visit and did not comment when asked whether his visit to Chungking indicated any revised policy on the part of the United States regarding China.

He expects to remain in Hongkong for a certain period and is staying at the Peninsula Hotel.

Mr Currie was met at the airport by a personal representative of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, together with Mr Addison E. Southard, American Consul-General, Mr C. Y. Pui, joint manager of the China Bank, Mr P. N. Chung, head of the Central Bank of China (Hongkong), Mr T. F. Tai, chief China invoices officer, who represented the Chungking Foreign Minister, and Mr J. A. R. Moss, superintendent of Kai Tak airport.

Credit Still Good
MANILA, Feb. 5 (Reuters).—Mr Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, told reporters before leaving Manila to-day that China's credit was good and that China was not only keeping up with the payments that she owes, but is ahead of schedule.

Chungking Press Plea
CHUNGKING, Feb. 5 (Central News).—In an editorial welcoming Mr Laughlin Currie, to China, the "Yih Shih Pao" (Social Welfare) urges the United States to furnish aid to this country whenever possible and not after she has suffered reverses as has been the case in the past. The journal recalls that the United States extended loans to China after the fall of the Wuhan area, the establishment of the bogus Nanking Government, and the conclusion of the Japan-Wang Chingwei agreement.

The journal urges the United States to supply planes to China. The journal states that as an economist, Mr Currie surely knows that in aiding China, the United States is under present circumstances, also aiding itself.

Waves Of Nazis Over England During Night

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Feb. 5 (UP).—Early morning reports indicated the most extensive night raids for weeks although none of them reached blitz intensity. Waves of raiders crossed the East Midlands and were apparently engaged by British night fighters as machine-gunning could be heard from the ground.

Two bombs fell on an East Midlands town, another Midlands area and north-west England where three were killed in a demolished house.

Relays of night raiders crossed the south-east coast at intervals throughout the night. At one time, a strong formation of heavy planes was heard passing inland above a layer of light clouds.

At a town on the Thames Estuary a high explosive bomb fell near a theatre doing considerable damage to shops, offices and a hotel but the variety show continued. Several fires were quickly extinguished by spotters but it is feared there were a number of casualties.

Over Wales
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 4 (UP).—At 9.20 p.m. after a lengthy lull in the London area, there followed a fresh burst of heavy gun fire. Incendiary bombs were dropped in one London district.

Night raiders were also over south-west Wales and an East Midlands town had its first night raid in three weeks when bombs were dropped on the outskirts.

Advance Into Abyssinia

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the peasants and stealing the stock. Italian native levies are reported to take the view that as the Italians will probably be defeated, they might as well collect booty while they have the chance.

Possible Keren Stand
CAIRO, Feb. 4 (Reuters).—Since the start of the offensive against Eritrea, British forces have advanced 150 miles and are now approaching the native town of Keren, about 70 miles up the railway from Asmara, capital of the colony.

The retreating Italians may possibly make a stand at Keren, though the town lacks strong defences and is strategically unsuited to withstanding any considerable attack.

Further south, the Italian column driven out of Burem is still on the run to the east, with British forces at their heels. They are withdrawing across mountainous country towards the main Asmara-Addis Ababa road at Adigrat, 40 miles south of Asmara. A fair number of prisoners were captured when British advance parties cut off small groups of stragglers in the mountains.

Mule Tracks
The difficulty of making progress along the mule track which they have to follow has obliged the enemy to cast aside their surplus equipment, including a number of tanks and guns.

In northern Abyssinia, the Italians continue to retreat towards Gondar. They are putting obstacles in the way of the pursuing British forces, but it is learnt that these have reached a point some 30 miles from the Sudanese frontier.

Nazi Hit And Run Raids Few Results

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brought down this month without loss to the British.

London Raids
LONDON, Feb. 4, (UP).—An air raid alarm was sounded in the London area at 7 p.m. after which the anti-aircraft guns threw up a heavy

Warns U.S. Will Be Involved In Conflict

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of a joint Congressional committee and council for national defence to function with the President in directing national defence and aid to foreign governments.

During the interrogation Major Eliot said that there were three phases to the battle of Britain. (1) the battle for production "in which we are now engaged"; (2) the battle of combat; (3) the battle of transportation.

Major Eliot averred the danger in the present world situation to the United States lies in the fact that the balance of power in Europe is threatened for the first time since Napoleon.

He asserted that the man-power of Britain and the United States combined cannot overcome the Axis but the economic foundations of totalitarian states are fragile and may be vulnerable to an economic attack. Circumstances are conceivable under which it would be advisable to make war against Japan, he said. However, he believed that peace would continue in the Far East "with wise and firm direction of our foreign policy."

General Robert Wood

He was followed to the stand by General Robert Wood, Chairman of the American Aircraft Committee, who said that there was a probability of the United States being engaged in war within 90 days if the Bill was enacted. Enactment would destroy national unity, he declared, because 85 per cent. of the American people are "opposed to entry into the war. This is not a defence measure or a Lease and Lend Bill; it is really a war bill."

He endorsed the principle of giving aid to Britain after the latter's resources are exhausted. He deplored the "defeatism of some of my fellow countrymen. What we need is not faith in England and fear of Hitler but faith in ourselves."

No Invasion Of U.S.A.

General Wood, answering Senator La Follette, said that the basis of his replies was his experience as Quartermaster General with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. He believed the fears of a Nazi invasion of the United States were ridiculous. He said, "It is utterly preposterous to move an invading force across the Atlantic and supply them after they get here. Our ammunition would not fit German guns."

He described the immense task of supplying the R.A.F. after they landed in France, which was friendly, during the World War.

barage. The alarm followed five warnings over the Straits-of-Dover. It was possible to see the cliffs between Boulogne and Calais.

At 8 p.m. raiders were over a West Midlands town.

At 8.40 p.m. the barrage in London was resumed after a lengthy lull. Raiders were over Liverpool and another northwest town, as well as over the East Midlands.

The Air Ministry announced: "Small-scale attacks were carried out last night by aircraft of the Coastal Command on Brest followed by further attacks on the same scale just before dawn to-day."

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